

By: Representative Ellington

To: Conservation and Water Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 1081

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-307, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES TO CHARGE A  
3 NOMINAL FEE FOR MARKETING MATERIALS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-15-307, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 49-15-307. The department shall have the following powers  
8 and duties:

9 (a) To implement the policy of the commission regarding  
10 marine resources within the jurisdiction of the department;

11 (b) To apply for, receive and expend any federal or  
12 state funds or contributions, gifts, devises, bequests or funds  
13 from any other source;

14 (c) To commission or conduct studies designed to  
15 determine alternative methods of managing and conserving the  
16 marine resources of this state in a manner to insure efficiency  
17 and sustained productivity;

18 (d) To issue permits and licenses authorized by law or  
19 regulation;

20 (e) To equip and supply check stations, remote duty  
21 stations and personnel for extended duty;

22 (f) To develop programs to enhance the marketing of the  
23 state's recreational and commercial marine resources and to  
24 charge, in its discretion, a nominal fee for marketing related  
25 materials which shall be deposited into the Seafood Fund for use  
26 by the marketing program;



27                   (g) To provide gear, insignias, and otherwise equip  
28 personnel subject to the amount appropriated for those purposes;  
29 and

30                   (h) To discharge any other duties, responsibilities and  
31 powers as are necessary to implement this chapter.

32                   **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
33 and after July 1, 2002.

