MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION 2002
By: Senator(s) Posey
To: Wildlife and Fisheries

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2783

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 59-21-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF LIVERY BOAT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59-21-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

59-21-3. As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly
requires a different meaning:

(a) "Commission" means the Mississippi Commission on
Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

(b) "Length" means the length of the vessel measured
from end to end over the deck excluding sheer.

(c) "Livery boat" means any boat or canoe for rent or
hire.

(d) "Machinery" means inboard and outboard engines and
all other types of motors or mechanical devices.

(e) "Motorboat" means any undocumented vessel propelled
by machinery, whether or not such machinery is the principal
source of propulsion. The term motorboat includes personal
watercraft.

(f) "Operate" means to navigate or otherwise use a
motorboat or vessel.

(g) "Operator" means the person who operates or who has
charge of the navigation or use of a motorboat or a vessel.

(h) "Owner" means the person who claims lawful
possession of a vessel by virtue of legal title or equitable
interest therein which entitles him to such possession.
(i) "Person" means an individual, partnership, firm, corporation, association or other entity.

(j) "Ships' lifeboats" means lifeboats used solely for lifesaving purposes and does not include dinghies, tenders, speedboats, or other type of craft carried aboard a vessel and used for other than lifesaving purposes.

(k) "Undocumented vessel" means any vessel which is not required to have, and does not have, a valid marine document issued by the Bureau of Customs.

(l) "Vessel" means every description of watercraft, other than seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.

(m) "Waters of this state" means any waters within the territorial limits of this state, and the marginal sea adjacent to this state and the high seas when navigated as a part of a journey or ride to or from the shore of the state; however, "waters of this state" does not mean any private pond or lake which is not used for boat rentals or the charging of fees for fishing therein.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2003.