

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2783

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

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

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

6 59-21-3. As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly  
7 requires a different meaning:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (h) "Owner" means the person who claims lawful  
25 possession of a vessel by virtue of legal title or equitable  
26 interest therein which entitles him to such possession.



27           (i) "Person" means an individual, partnership, firm,  
28 corporation, association or other entity.

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

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

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

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

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

