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AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

Senate Bill NO. 2537

By Senator(s) Hewes

1 **AMEND** by inserting the following section after line 38 and
2 **renumbering the succeeding section:**

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

5 59-21-3. As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly
6 requires a different meaning:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (h) "Owner" means the person who claims lawful
23 possession of a vessel by virtue of legal title or equitable

24 interest therein which entitles him to such possession.

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

27 (j) "Personal watercraft" means a vessel which uses an
28 inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of
29 motive power and which is designed to be operated by a person
30 sitting, standing, or kneeling on the vessel, rather than the
31 conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel.

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

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

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

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

48 **FURTHER AMEND the title on line 5 after the semicolon by**
49 **inserting:**

50 TO AMEND SECTION 59-21-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE
51 PERSONAL WATERCRAFT;