SENATE BILL NO. 2759

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-27-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE COASTAL WETLANDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 49-27-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-27-9. (1) No regulated activity shall affect any coastal wetlands without a permit unless excluded in Section 49-27-7. Any person proposing to conduct or cause to be conducted any construction activity in coastal wetlands or adjacent waters shall file an application for a permit with the commission in such form and with such information as the commission may prescribe. Applicants for private, single family construction activities for recreational access or shoreline alterations shall submit an application fee in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars ($75.00). Applicants for private access piers, docks or boathouses exceeding a combined twelve hundred (1200) square feet or piers exceeding two hundred (200) linear feet shall submit an application fee in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00). Applicants for construction activities associated with or part of a commercial or industrial operation shall submit an application fee of not less than Four Hundred Dollars ($400.00). Construction activities associated with commercial or industrial operations that involve docks or piers exceeding twelve hundred (1200) square feet in area or that involve shoreline alterations exceeding two hundred (200) linear feet shall submit an application fee of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars ($750.00). The appropriate fee shall be submitted along
with the application and made payable to the Department of Marine Resources. No permit shall be required under this chapter of any individual who seeks to construct a home, fishing camp or similar structure on his own property.

(2) If the commission determines that the activity, area or entity is exempt or requires no permit, and that the activity, area or entity complies with the notification requirement and the coastal wetland policy as required under Section 49-27-7, the commission may reduce the application fee by fifty percent (50%).

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