

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife and Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2851

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 59-21-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CLARIFY UNDOCUMENTED VESSEL EXCEPTION FOR VESSELS DESIGNATED BY
3 FEDERAL AGENCY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 59-21-5. All sailboats and every undocumented vessel
8 equipped with propulsion machinery, whether or not such machinery
9 is the principal source of propulsion, using the territorial and
10 navigable waters of the State of Mississippi, and every such
11 vessel owned in the State of Mississippi and using the high seas
12 shall be numbered in accordance with this chapter, except:

13 (a) Foreign vessels temporarily using the navigable
14 waters of the State of Mississippi;

15 (b) Public vessels of the United States;

16 (c) State and municipal vessels used solely for
17 official business and displaying proper visual identification on
18 its hull;

19 (d) Ships' lifeboats;

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21 (e) Undocumented vessels used exclusively for racing;

22 (f) Undocumented vessels operating under valid
23 temporary certificates of number;

24 (g) Vessels already covered by a number in full force
25 and effect awarded pursuant to federal law, or a federally
26 approved numbering system of another state, provided that such
27 vessels shall not have been within this state for a period in



28 excess of sixty (60) days. Nothing in this section shall prohibit
29 the numbering of any undocumented vessel upon the request of the
30 owner.

31 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after its passage.

