

By: Senator(s) Dawkins

To: Ports and Marine Resources

SENATE BILL NO. 2517

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

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

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

7 49-27-9. (1) No * * * coastal wetlands shall be altered
8 without a permit unless excluded in Section 49-27-7. Any person
9 proposing to alter, directly or indirectly, any coastal wetlands
10 or adjacent waters shall file an application for a permit with the
11 commission in the form and with any information as the commission
12 may prescribe. * * * Applicants shall submit one (1) of the
13 following fees:

14 (a) Private, single-family construction projects for
15 recreational access or shoreline alterations with a combined
16 impact or shaded area of:

17 (i) Not more than 1500 square feet..... \$ 50.00

18 (ii) More than fifteen hundred (1500)
19 square feet..... 300.00

20 (b) Projects associated with a commercial or
21 industrial operation with a combined impact or shaded area of:

22 (i) Not more than fifteen hundred (1500)
23 square feet..... 300.00

24 (ii) More than fifteen hundred (1500)
25 square feet and less than one (1) acre..... 1,000.00

26 (c) Projects associated with a commercial or
27 industrial operation with a combined impact or shaded

28 area exceeding one (1) acre of impact to state water
29 bottoms, coastal wetlands or adjacent wetlands, or any
30 proposed off-shore petroleum exploration or
31 development..... 5,000.00
32 and the costs of a court reporter required for public or
33 evidentiary hearing specific to the project.

34 (d) The appropriate fee shall be submitted along with
35 the application and made payable to the Department of Marine
36 Resources.

37 No permit shall be required under this chapter of any
38 individual who seeks to construct, without impacts to coastal
39 wetlands, a home, fishing camp or similar structure on his own
40 property.

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

46 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
47 and after July 1, 2004.