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To: Marine Resources

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 667

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-27-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE PROCESS TO FILE AN APPLICATION PERMIT FOR CERTAIN  
3 ACTIVITIES ON 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 such form and with such information as the  
12 commission may prescribe. An application fee in an amount of  
13 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for residential type regulated activity and  
14 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for commercial and industrial type  
15 related activity shall accompany each application and shall be  
16 payable to the commission. No permit shall be required for a  
17 regulated activity as defined in Section 49-27-5(c)(v) if such  
18 activity is an activity by a water dependent industry, nor shall a  
19 permit be required pursuant to Section 49-27-5(c)(v) of any  
20 individual who seeks to construct a home, fishing camp or similar  
21 structure on his own property.

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

27           (3) The commission shall waive the herein specified  
28 application fee charges of any project of a federal, state or  
29 local governmental entity.

30           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
31 and after July 1, 2005.