

By: Representatives Frierson, Read

To: Marine Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 667
(As Passed the House)

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 any coastal wetlands or adjacent waters as
10 identified in the coastal wetlands map established by Section
11 49-27-65 shall file an application for a permit with the
12 commission in such form and with such information as the
13 commission may prescribe. An application fee in an amount of
14 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for residential type regulated activity and
15 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for commercial and industrial type
16 related activity shall accompany each application and shall be
17 payable to the commission. No permit shall be required for a
18 regulated activity as defined in Section 49-27-5(c)(v) if such
19 activity is an activity by a water dependent industry, nor shall a
20 permit be required pursuant to Section 49-27-5(c)(v) of any
21 individual who seeks to construct a home, fishing camp or similar
22 structure on his own property.

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

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

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