

By: Representative Patterson

To: Marine Resources

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 704

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT NO SHRIMP PRODUCT SHALL BE OFFERED FOR  
2 DIRECT RETAIL SALE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION UNLESS THE SHRIMP PRODUCT  
3 IS LABELED AS A PRODUCT OF THIS COUNTRY OR AS IMPORTED SHRIMP, A  
4 PRODUCT OF A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES; AND FOR RELATED  
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) No shrimp product shall be offered for  
8 direct retail sale for human consumption by a processor,  
9 distributor or wholesaler, unless the shrimp product is  
10 specifically labeled in the following manner:

11 (a) "SHRIMP, A PRODUCT OF THE UNITED STATES" if the  
12 product originates from the United States.

13 (b) "IMPORTED SHRIMP, A PRODUCT OF A COUNTRY OTHER THAN  
14 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" if the product originates from a  
15 country other than the United States of America.

16 (2) Any person selling shrimp exclusively and directly to  
17 the consumer may have on his premises a sign reasonably visible to  
18 the consumer identifying such product as "Shrimp, a Product of the  
19 United States" or "Imported Shrimp, A Product of a Country Other  
20 Than the United States of America" as such products are defined in  
21 this section, rather than labeling each individual container or  
22 package of shrimp product, as provided in this section.

23 (3) Any advertising by a processor, distributor or  
24 wholesaler as to any shrimp product shall state whether such  
25 shrimp product is "Shrimp, a Product of the United States," or  
26 "Imported Shrimp, A Product of a Country Other Than the United  
27 States of America" as defined in this section.

28           (4) This section shall not apply to shrimp products exported  
29 out of the United States.

30           (5) The Department of Marine Resources is authorized to  
31 promulgate such rules and regulations to implement the provisions  
32 of this section.

33           (6) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any  
34 business in which prepared seafood is served.

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