

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2670

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 59-21-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE FEES FOR CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER OF VESSELS; TO REVISE THE
3 LENGTH OF BOAT CATEGORIES FOR FEES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 59-21-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 59-21-25. (1) Fees for the award of certificates of number
8 for original, transfer, renewal, livery, dealer and duplicate
9 shall be as follows:

- 10 (a) Less than 16 feet..... \$ 10.00
- 11 (b) 16 feet but less than 26 feet..... \$ 30.00
- 12 (c) 26 feet but less than 40 feet..... \$ 74.00
- 13 (d) 40 feet but less than 65 feet..... \$108.00
- 14 (e) 65 feet and over..... \$138.00
- 15 (f) Dealer number..... \$ 60.00
- 16 (g) Duplicate..... \$ 6.00
- 17 (h) Boat inspection fee..... \$ 10.00

18 (2) All fees for numbers and renewal of number shall be
19 payable to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and
20 Parks to be deposited by the department in the State Treasury in a
21 special fund to be designated as the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund,
22 which shall be disbursed upon the recommendation of the department
23 as may be appropriated by the Legislature. The State Treasurer
24 shall release to the department such sums as are required to
25 defray all administrative costs of the boat registration fee
26 division of the department and to improve the law enforcement
27 capability of the department on the inland and marine waters of

28 the State of Mississippi and as may be budgeted by the department
29 for the purpose of paying the cost of the administration of this
30 chapter for education on water safety, improvement of water safety
31 and motorboating facilities in the state, and advertising and
32 promoting the waterways of the state. Any and all revenue over
33 and above the actual administrative cost of implementing this act
34 shall be used to fund salaries of additional conservation officers
35 in all eighty-two (82) counties.

36 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 2006.