

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2670
(As Passed the Senate)

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; TO AMEND SECTION 59-21-19,
4 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE VALIDATION PERIOD OF
5 CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER FOR BOATS ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE,
6 FISHERIES AND PARKS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

10 59-21-25. (1) Fees for the award of certificates of number
11 for original, transfer, renewal, livery, dealer and duplicate
12 shall be as follows:

13	<u>(a) Less than 16 feet</u>	<u>\$ 7.50</u>
14	<u>(b) 16 feet but less than 26 feet</u>	<u>\$ 22.50</u>
15	<u>(c) 26 feet but less than 40 feet</u>	<u>\$ 45.00</u>
16	<u>(d) 40 feet and over</u>	<u>\$ 45.00</u>
17	<u>(e) Dealer number</u>	<u>\$ 37.50</u>
18	<u>(f) Duplicate</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
19	<u>(g) Boat inspection fee</u>	<u>\$ 10.00</u>

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

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

38 **SECTION 2.** Section 59-21-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
39 amended as follows:

40 59-21-19. (1) The certificate of number shall be
41 pocket-size, approximately two and one-half inches (2-1/2") by
42 three and one-half inches (3-1/2"), and water resistant.

43 (2) Pending the issuance of the original certificate of
44 number, the owner of the vessel may be furnished a temporary
45 certificate of number valid for sixty (60) days from the date of
46 issue. This temporary certificate shall be carried on board when
47 the vessel is being operated.

48 (3) Each applicant for an original or transfer certificate
49 of number, who is entitled to issuance thereof, shall be issued a
50 certificate for a period of three (3) years from the last day of
51 the month of receipt of the original or transfer certificate.
52 This subsection shall not apply to the certificate of number of a
53 livery boat.

54 (4) The certificate of number of a livery boat shall be
55 plainly marked "livery boat." The description of the motor and
56 type of fuel will be omitted from the certificate of number in any
57 case where the motor is not rented with the boat. Original and
58 renewal certificates of number of a livery boat shall be valid for
59 a period of three (3) years and shall expire at midnight on
60 June 30 * * *.

61 (5) Numbers and certificates of number awarded boats
62 operated by manufacturers and dealers may be transferred from one

63 (1) boat to another. In lieu of the description, the word
64 "manufacturer" or "dealer," as appropriate, will be plainly marked
65 on each certificate. The manufacturer or dealer may have the
66 number awarded printed upon or attached to a removable sign or
67 signs to be temporarily mounted upon or attached to the boat being
68 demonstrated or tested so long as the display meets the
69 requirements of Section 59-21-9.

70 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
71 and after July 1, 2006.