

By: Representatives Frierson, Janus,  
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To: Marine Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 1207

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-28, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO COMBINE SEAFOOD WHOLESALE DEALER AND SEAFOOD PROCESSOR  
3 LICENSES; TO REDUCE THE LICENSE FEE FOR A SEAFOOD PROCESSOR  
4 LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 49-15-28, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 49-15-28. (1) Each person buying or handling seafood  
9 secured from commercial fishermen, or from other wholesale  
10 dealers, for the purpose of resale, whether handling on a  
11 commission basis or otherwise, and every resident person shipping  
12 seafood out of the State of Mississippi on consignment or order,  
13 except fishermen shipping their own catch, shall be considered a  
14 wholesale dealer. \* \* \*

15 (2) Any factory or person engaged in the canning,  
16 processing, freezing, drying or shipping of oysters, fish,  
17 saltwater crabs or saltwater shrimp shall be considered a seafood  
18 processor. \* \* \*

19 (3) (a) Any person operating as a wholesale dealer, retail  
20 dealer or processor of seafood shall obtain an annual combination  
21 dealer and processor license for a fee of One Hundred Dollars  
22 (\$100.00).

23 (b) The license shall be nontransferable and a license  
24 shall be required for each factory or place of business.

25 (c) The combination license shall entitle the licensee  
26 to operate as a wholesale dealer, retail dealer and processor.

27 (4) It is unlawful for any factory or person to engage in  
28 the canning, processing, freezing, drying or shipping of oysters,

29 fish, saltwater crabs or saltwater shrimp without first having  
30 obtained that license.

31 (5) This section shall not apply to \* \* \* a dealer in fresh  
32 seafoods who merely preserves the seafood for future sale to  
33 prevent spoilage and is in competition with other retailers who  
34 are not required to pay this tax.

35 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
36 and after its passage.