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To: Environment Prot, Cons  
and Water Res

SENATE BILL NO. 2731

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
2 QUALITY TO APPLY TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR  
3 THE DESIGNATION OF THE WATERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SOUND AS A  
4 NO-DISCHARGE ZONE FOR VESSEL SEWAGE UNDER THE CLEAN WATER ACT; AND  
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The Mississippi Department of Environmental  
8 Quality is directed to make application to the U.S. Environmental  
9 Protection Agency for the agency to designate the waters of the  
10 Mississippi Sound as a no-discharge zone (NDZ) for vessel sewage  
11 as provided under Section 312 of the Clean Water Act.

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