

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

Senate Bill No. 2579

BY: Committee

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
in lieu thereof the following:**

11 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-15-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
12 amended as follows:

13 49-15-11. (1) The Mississippi Department of Marine
14 Resources is hereby established and full power is vested in the
15 department to manage, control, supervise, enforce and direct any
16 matters pertaining to saltwater aquatic life and marine resources
17 under the jurisdiction of the commission.

18 (2) The Executive Director of the Department of Marine
19 Resources shall have the authority to internally reorganize the
20 Department of Marine Resources. For a period of one (1) year



21 after * * * ~~July 1, 1994~~ passage of this act, the personnel
22 actions of the executive director shall be exempt from State
23 Personnel Board rules, regulations and procedures in order to give
24 the executive director flexibility in making an orderly, effective
25 and timely reorganization of the Department of Marine Resources.

26 (3) The department shall be composed of the following
27 offices:

- 28 (a) Office of Coastal Resources;
- 29 (b) Office of Finance and Administration;
- 30 (c) Office of Marine Fisheries;
- 31 (d) Office of Marine Patrol; and
- 32 (e) Office of Restoration and Resiliency.

33 Each office shall be composed of the administrative units as
34 set forth in the reorganization plan developed by the executive
35 director.

36 (4) The following agency personnel shall be appointed by the
37 executive director:

38 (a) Chief Financial Officer who shall have a minimum of
39 a Master's Degree in Business Administration, Accounting or
40 related field and a minimum of five (5) years' experience in
41 business management or accounting practice.

42 (b) Chief of Marine Patrol who shall be a certified law
43 enforcement officer with a minimum of ten (10) years of law
44 enforcement experience.



45 (c) Chief Scientific Officer who shall have a minimum
46 of a Master's degree in Coastal Sciences or related field with a
47 minimum of five (5) years of experience in coastal resource
48 management or equivalent experience.

49 (5) The executive director shall have an annual audit of the
50 department performed by an independent certified public accountant
51 and shall file the audit report with the commission, the
52 Legislative Oversight Committee, the State Auditor and the
53 Legislative Budget Office.

54 (* * *36) Whenever the terms "Mississippi Marine
55 Conservation Commission," "Marine Conservation Commission,"
56 "Bureau of Marine Resources" and "Mississippi Marine Resources
57 Council" appear in any state law, they shall mean the "Mississippi
58 Commission on Marine Resources."

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

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES
2 ACCOUNTABILITY AND REORGANIZATION ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-11,
3 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES; TO CREATE CERTAIN OFFICES WITHIN
5 THE DEPARTMENT; TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTAIN AGENCY
6 PERSONNEL; TO EXEMPT PERSONNEL ACTIONS FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE STATE
7 PERSONNEL BOARD TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE AND TIMELY
8 REORGANIZATION; TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 MARINE RESOURCES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

