HOUSE BILL NO.  815

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PROHIBITION ON HARVESTING OYSTERS AT NIGHT TO INCLUDE OFF-BOTTOM AQUACULTURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 49-15-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-41. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish, catch or take oysters from * * * the waters of Mississippi * * * during the hours between sunset and sunrise of each day.

Violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine * * * not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) * * * or * * * imprisonment not to exceed one (1) year in the county jail, or both.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2016.