MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1124

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-27-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPIRATION OF PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION ON MARINE RESOURCES FOR ACTIVITIES AFFECTING COASTAL WETLANDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 49-27-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-27-29. In granting or modifying any permit, the commission may impose conditions or limitations on the proposed activity designed to carry out the public policy set forth in this chapter. * * * Permits shall be valid for not more than five (5) years from the date of issuance, except that permits for maintenance dredging of existing channels maintained by a local governmental entity shall be valid for not more than ten (10) years. The commission may issue one (1) extension not to exceed two (2) years in length if the applicant requests it in writing before the expiration date of the permit.

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