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To: Ports and Marine Resources

SENATE BILL NO. 2664

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-30, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT IF A NONRESIDENT'S DOMICILE STATE HAS MANDATORY
3 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS THEN THE NONRESIDENT MUST MEET THOSE
4 REQUIREMENTS BEFORE RECEIVING A MISSISSIPPI NONRESIDENT COMMERCIAL
5 FISHING LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-15-30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 49-15-30. (1) The commission may promulgate rules and
10 regulations for nonresident permits in order to promote reciprocal
11 agreements with other states.

12 (2) The commission shall provide that residents of other
13 states bordering on the Gulf of Mexico who are applicants for a
14 commercial fishing license of any type as provided for in this
15 chapter shall pay the same fee or fees that a resident of this
16 state pays in this state for that license if the respective
17 applicant's domicile state does not charge a greater fee or fees
18 for a Mississippi resident than for a resident of any other state
19 to engage in a like activity in the other state. If the



20 applicant's domicile state does charge a greater fee or fees for
21 residents of Mississippi than for a resident of the applicant's
22 domicile state, then that applicant shall pay the same fee or fees
23 that the applicant's domicile state charges residents of
24 Mississippi.

25 (3) The commission shall require a nonresident to purchase
26 the same type and number of licenses and pay the same fees that
27 are required of Mississippi residents to engage in like activity
28 in the nonresident's state.

29 (4) (a) If an applicant applies for a nonresident
30 commercial fishing license to engage in a certain activity and the
31 applicant's state does not issue a nonresident commercial fishing
32 license for that activity, then the commission shall not issue
33 such license to the applicant.

34 (b) If the applicant's domicile state has additional
35 mandatory licensing requirements, the applicant must meet those
36 requirements before receiving a nonresident commercial fishing
37 license.

38 (5) Any nonresident who engages in the commercial taking of
39 seafood within the territorial waters of Mississippi without
40 having the required nonresident commercial license is guilty of a
41 misdemeanor and shall be fined Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)
42 and shall forfeit any equipment, gear or nets used in the offense.

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

