

By: Representative Patterson

To: Marine Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 1099

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION ON MARINE RESOURCES TO
2 DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT AND REGULATE A FISH LENGTH VERIFICATION PROGRAM
3 APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN FISH WITH MINIMUM LENGTH REQUIREMENTS; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Commission on Marine Resources shall
7 develop, implement and regulate a fish length verification program
8 applicable to certain fish that must meet minimum length
9 requirements before the fishermen may possess the fish. The
10 purpose of this program is to record the length of the fish before
11 it is cleaned so that enforcement officers of the Department of
12 Marine Resources are able to determine compliance with regulations
13 of the department on minimum length requirements for fish.

14 (2) The program shall be simple to use by all fishermen and
15 may include, but is not limited to, such means as electronic,
16 digital or manual methods as will promote ease of use.

17 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
18 and after July 1, 2018.

