

By: Senator(s) Gollott, Carter

To: Ports and Marine
Resources; Judiciary,
Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2937

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-401, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION ON MARINE RESOURCES TO
3 SUSPEND OR REVOKE PERMITS, ENDORSEMENTS OR SIMILAR PROVISIONS
4 ISSUED UNDER REGULATORY PROGRAMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-15-401, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 49-15-401. It is the purpose of this article to establish an
9 administrative hearing procedure for the Commission on Marine
10 Resources to enforce the rules and regulations of the commission
11 and Sections 49-15-1 through 49-15-321, 49-27-1 through 49-27-71,
12 59-21-111, and such other statutes within the jurisdiction of the
13 Commission on Marine Resources. Unless specifically authorized,
14 the commission shall not seek both administrative and criminal
15 penalties against violators of the statutes referred to herein for
16 the same offense, except as provided in Section 49-15-63. The
17 commission will notify the Department of Marine Resources of
18 violations to bring forward for administrative penalty processing.
19 The suspension or revocation of licenses shall be in accordance



20 with the provisions outlined in Section 49-15-63; however, the
21 commission may suspend or revoke permits, endorsements or similar
22 provisions issued under regulatory programs for violations brought
23 before them through the administrative penalty process.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2019.

