

By: Senator(s) Moran, Thompson

To: Ports and Marine Resources

SENATE BILL NO. 2511

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-64.5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A SALTWATER SHRIMP CAPTAIN'S LICENSE  
3 ISSUED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-15-64.5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 49-15-64.5. (1) (a) Each freight boat, ice boat and  
9 catching boat used in catching or transporting saltwater shrimp  
10 taken from the waters of the State of Mississippi for sale in  
11 their fresh state, or for canning, packing, freezing or drying,  
12 shall first obtain from the commission an annual privilege license  
13 and pay a license fee at the following rates:

14 (i) Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for resident boats or  
15 vessels under thirty (30) feet in length in overall measurements  
16 and One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for nonresident boats or vessels  
17 under thirty (30) feet in length in overall measurements;

18 (ii) Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) for resident  
19 boats or vessels between thirty (30) and forty-five (45) feet in



20 length in overall measurements and One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)  
21 for nonresident boats or vessels between thirty (30) and  
22 forty-five (45) feet in length in overall measurements;

23 (iii) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for resident  
24 boats or vessels greater than forty-five (45) feet in length in  
25 overall measurements and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for  
26 nonresident boats or vessels greater than forty-five (45) feet in  
27 length in overall measurements.

28 (b) Beginning September 15, 1994, no nonresident shall  
29 be issued a commercial fishing license under this chapter for the  
30 taking of saltwater shrimp using any type of net if that  
31 nonresident's state of domicile prohibits the issuing of  
32 commercial fishing licenses to residents of this state to engage  
33 in like activity.

34 (2) Each recreational vessel engaging in shrimping with a  
35 net having a corkline length of sixteen (16) feet or less shall  
36 pay an annual resident license fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) or  
37 an annual nonresident license fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00).

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39 ( \* \* \*3) During open seasons and in open areas, saltwater  
40 shrimp may be taken only with shrimp trawls, trawls, butterfly  
41 nets, skimmer nets, push trawls, beach seines and cast nets.

42 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
43 and after July 1, 2022.

