

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.

