

By: Senator(s) Sojourner

To: Ports and Marine Resources

SENATE BILL NO. 2869

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 59-15-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT MUNICIPAL SMALL WATER CRAFT HARBORS ARE EXEMPT FROM
3 LEASING REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 59-15-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 59-15-1. (1) The authorities of any city in this state
9 which has a population of ten thousand (10,000) or more, according
10 to the last official government census, and the authorities of any
11 municipality bordering on the Mississippi Sound or Gulf of Mexico
12 are hereby given the authority to acquire by purchase, deed,
13 donation, gift, grant, reclamation, lease, dedication, or
14 otherwise, land, harbor sites or water frontage for the purpose of
15 establishing, developing, promoting, maintaining, and operating
16 harbors for small water crafts and recreational parks connected
17 therewith within its territorial limits, or both, and shall have
18 the power to acquire, purchase, install, rent, lease, mortgage,



19 incumber, construct, own, hold, maintain, equip, use, control and
20 operate recreational parks and harbors for small water craft.

21 (2) Municipal small water craft harbors created under this
22 section are exempt from any tidelands leasing requirements of the
23 Secretary of State if no establishment requiring a "gaming
24 license" as defined in Section 75-76-5 is located in the harbor.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after July 1, 2023.

