

**Adopted
AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

Cmte Sub for Senate Bill No. 2780

BY: Senator(s) Thompson, Blount

1 **AMEND by striking lines 406-414 and substitute:**

2 (4) All existing or proposed public uses or projects of any
3 federal, state or local governmental entity, including counties
4 and municipalities, shall serve a higher public purpose of
5 promoting the conservation, reclamation, preservation of the
6 tidelands and submerged lands, public use for boating, boat
7 launches, piers, small craft harbors, marinas, fishing,
8 navigation, or commercial, recreational, resort, tourism,
9 or residential development shall require a lease of State Public
10 Trust Tidelands from the state from the Secretary of State but
11 shall be exempt from any use, lease or rental fees.

12 The lease issued by the Secretary of State shall include
13 lease terms that the existing or proposed public uses or projects



14 of any federal, state or local governmental entity, including
15 counties and municipalities are public uses or projects with the
16 higher public purpose of promoting the conservation, reclamation,
17 preservation of the tidelands and submerged lands, public use for
18 boating, boat launches, piers, small craft harbor, marinas,
19 fishing, navigation, or commercial, recreational, resort, tourism,
20 or residential development.

21 The lease issued by the Secretary of State shall not include
22 lease terms that restrict the existing or proposed public uses or
23 projects of any federal, state or local governmental entity,
24 including counties and municipalities provided such public uses or
25 projects serve the higher public purpose of promoting the
26 conservation, reclamation, preservation of the tidelands and
27 submerged lands, public use for boating, boat launches, piers,
28 small craft harbors, marinas, fishing, navigation, or commercial,
29 recreational, resort, tourism, or residential development, and
30 provided such use or project does not have any gaming component.

31 **FURTHER, AMEND by striking lines 415-420 and substitute:**

32 (5) Provided the use of the leased property serves the
33 higher public purpose of promoting the conservation, reclamation,
34 preservation of the tidelands and submerged lands, public use for
35 boating, boat launches, piers, small craft harbors, marinas,
36 fishing, navigation, or commercial, recreational, resort, tourism,
37 or residential development, the federal, state or local



38 governmental entity, including counties and municipalities, shall
39 have exclusive control of the leased premises, and all revenues
40 generated therefrom shall be used to maintain, repair, or improve
41 the leased property, but no such use shall have any gaming
42 component.

43 **FURTHER, AMEND by striking lines 481-490 and substitute:**

44 (b) Funds paid pursuant to paragraph (a) of this
45 subsection may be appropriated by the Legislature in an amount
46 necessary to cover the administrative cost incurred by the
47 Mississippi * * * Department of Marine Resources. Any remaining
48 funds shall be disbursed * * * to the * * * Department of Marine
49 Resources for new and extra programs of tidelands management, such
50 as conservation, reclamation, preservation, acquisition, education
51 or the enhancement of public access to the Public Trust Tidelands
52 or public improvement projects as they relate to those lands.

53 **FURTHER, AMEND by striking lines 508-516 and substitute:**

54 29-15-13. (1) All existing or proposed public uses or
55 projects of any federal, state or local governmental entity * * *,
56 including counties and municipalities, shall serve a higher public
57 purpose of promoting the conservation, reclamation, preservation
58 of the tidelands and submerged lands, public use for boating, boat
59 launches, piers, small craft harbors, marinas, fishing, * * *
60 navigation, or * * * commercial, recreational, resort, tourism or



61 residential development shall require a lease from the Secretary
62 of State but shall be exempt from any use, lease or rental fees.

63 **FURTHER, AMEND by striking lines 679-684 and substitute:**

64 (c) All licenses issued and approved to proceed with
65 development by the commission and operating prior to December 31,
66 2023, are exempt from the minimum requirements set forth in
67 subparagraphs (i) through (vi) below. No site approval issued by
68 the commission prior to December 31, 2023, with an expiration date
69 or term shall be extended beyond such term. The proposed licensee
70 must republish and reapply for site approval upon the expiration
71 of any such approval. So long as a licensee issued approval to
72 proceed with development after December 31, 2023, is not revoked,
73 voided, vacated, or lapsed by order or act of the commission, a
74 proposed project shall meet, at a minimum, the following:

