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AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

Senate Bill NO. 2588

By Representative(s) Committee

5 Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
6 in lieu thereof the following:

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8 SECTION 1. Section 49-15-313, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 49-15-313. (1) Any resident between the ages of sixteen
11 (16) and sixty-five (65) years, as defined in Section 49-7-3,
12 fishing in the marine waters of the state, shall obtain a
13 saltwater sports fishing license for a fee of Four Dollars
14 (\$4.00). This license shall be valid in any waters south of
15 Interstate 10. Any resident citizen who is blind, paraplegic or a
16 multiple amputee, or who has been adjudged by the Veterans
17 Administration as having a total service-connected disability, or
18 has been adjudged totally disabled by the Social Security
19 Administration shall not be required to purchase or have in his
20 possession a saltwater sports fishing license while engaged in
21 such activities. Any resident exempt under this section shall
22 have on his person while fishing proof of residency and age or
23 disability.

24 (2) The commission shall prescribe the forms, types and fees
25 for nonresident saltwater sports fishing licenses except that the
26 fee for a nonresident saltwater sports fishing license shall not
27 be less than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00). The commission shall

28require a nonresident to purchase a nonresident freshwater fishing
29license and a nonresident saltwater sports fishing license if the
30nonresident's state requires both licenses for a nonresident to
31fish in its marine waters.

32 (3) All resident vessels engaged in charter boat fishing,
33party boat fishing, head boat and guide boat fishing shall be
34issued a separate annual license by the commission at a fee of Two
35Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). All nonresident vessels engaged in
36charter boat fishing, party boat fishing, headboat and guide boat
37fishing shall be issued a separate annual license by the
38commission at a fee of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00). If the
39applicant's domicile state charges a greater fee than the
40nonresident fee of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) for residents
41of Mississippi, then the applicant must pay the same fee that the
42applicant's domicile state charges a resident of Mississippi.
43Crew members and customers of the licensed vessels shall not be
44required to purchase an individual resident or nonresident
45saltwater fishing license while sponsored by the licensed vessels.
46 An operator of a licensed vessel shall be required to report the
47number of customers to the department as required by the
48commission and the information shall be kept confidential and
49shall not be released, except to other fisheries management
50agencies or as statistical data. All nonresident vessels engaged
51in saltwater sport fishing tournaments, not to exceed an aggregate
52of twenty (20) days per calendar year, shall not be required to
53purchase an annual license as provided under this subsection.

54 (4) The saltwater sports fishing license is required for all
55recreational methods of finfish harvest.

56 (5) Any resident who purchases a lifetime sportsman's
57license, in accordance with Section 49-7-153, shall be entitled to
58fish in the marine salt waters of the state and shall be exempt
59from the purchase of a sport saltwater fishing license.

60 (6) Any person authorized to issue a license may collect and
61retain, for each saltwater fishing license issued, the additional
62fee authorized under Section 49-7-17.

63 (7) The fees collected from the sale of resident and
64nonresident saltwater sports fishing licenses shall be deposited
65into the Seafood Fund and shall be used solely for the management
66of marine resources.

67 (8) Participants in the Very Special Fishing Olympics are
68exempt from this section.

69 (9) July 4 of each year is designated as "Free Saltwater
70Sports Fishing Day." Any person may saltwater sport fish without
71a license on the "Free Saltwater Sports Fishing Day."

72 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
73and after July 1, 2000.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-313, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2TO REQUIRE A SEPARATE LICENSE FEE FOR CERTAIN NONRESIDENT CHARTER
3BOATS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.