

By: Representative Ellington

To: Conservation and Water Resources; Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 894

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW CODE SECTION 49-15-323, MISSISSIPPI CODE
2 OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT A MARINE PATROL OFFICER MAY ARREST A
3 PERSON FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS IF HE OBTAINED THE INFORMATION
4 CONCERNING THE INFRACTION THROUGH SENSORY OR ELECTRONIC
5 PERCEPTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following section shall be codified as

8 Section 49-15-323, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9 49-15-323. A marine patrol officer, without a warrant, may
10 arrest a person for any violation under this chapter, under
11 Section 49-27-1 et seq. or under Section 59-21-1 et seq. while in
12 the marine waters of this state if the officer personally
13 witnesses the infraction or if the arresting officer or another
14 law enforcement officer in communication with the arresting
15 officer has obtained information concerning the infraction through
16 sensory or electronic perception including, but not limited to,
17 perception by radio, camera or other reliable remote sensing
18 devices.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
20 and after July 1, 2002.

