

By: Representative Ellington

To: Conservation and Water Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 1135

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-64.5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT COMMERCIAL
3 SHRIMP LICENSES; TO PROVIDE A LICENSE AND FEE SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN
4 TYPES OF COMMERCIAL GEAR; AND FOR 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) * * * Each shrimp captain, vessel and gear
9 type used in catching or transporting saltwater shrimp taken from
10 the waters of the State of Mississippi for sale in their fresh
11 state, or for canning, packing, freezing or drying, shall first
12 obtain from the commission an annual privilege license and pay a
13 license fee at the following rates:

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15 (a) Resident shrimp vessel licenses:

16 (i) Vessel length less than thirty (30) feet:
17 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00);

18 (ii) Vessel length thirty (30) feet to forty-five
19 (45) feet: Fifty-five Dollars (\$55.00);

20 (iii) Vessel length over forty-five (45) feet:
21 Eighty Dollars (\$80.00).

22 (b) Resident shrimp gear licenses:

23 (i) Shrimp trawl: Twenty Dollars (\$20.00);

24 (ii) Skimmer trawls: Twenty Dollars (\$20.00);

25 (iii) Butterfly trawls: Twenty Dollars (\$20.00);

26 (iv) Push trawls: Twenty Dollars (\$20.00);

27 (v) Trawl (harvesting finfish): Twenty Dollars
28 (\$20.00);



29 (c) Resident shrimp captain license: Ten Dollars
30 (\$10.00);

31 (d) Nonresident shrimp vessel licenses:

32 (i) Vessel length less than thirty (30) feet:
33 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00);

34 (ii) Vessel length thirty (30) feet to forty-five
35 (45) feet: One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00);

36 (iii) Vessel length over forty-five (45) feet:
37 One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00);

38 (e) Nonresident shrimp gear licenses:

39 (i) Shrimp trawl: Forty Dollars (\$40.00);

40 (ii) Skimmer trawls: Forty Dollars (\$40.00);

41 (iii) Butterfly trawls: Forty Dollars (\$40.00);

42 (iv) Push trawls: Forty Dollars (\$40.00);

43 (v) Trawl (harvesting finfish): Forty Dollars
44 (\$40.00);

45 (f) Nonresident shrimp captain license: Twenty Dollars
46 (\$20.00).

47 (2) Each recreational vessel engaging in shrimping with a
48 net having a corkline length of sixteen (16) feet or less shall
49 pay an annual resident license fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) or
50 an annual nonresident license fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00).

51 (3) Every vessel, freight boat, ice boat and catching boat
52 used in catching or transporting saltwater shrimp taken from the
53 waters of the State of Mississippi for sale in their fresh state,
54 or for canning, packing, freezing, drying or as bait shall
55 register the name of the captain of the vessel at the time that
56 the vessel obtains the annual privilege license provided for in
57 this section. The individual registered as the captain of the
58 vessel may be substituted after notification to and the approval
59 of the deputy director or the deputy director's designated
60 representative. The captain shall purchase a license entitled
61 "captain license." This license shall be purchased at the same



62 time the vessel license is purchased and shall apply only to that
63 vessel and gear. * * *

64 (4) During open seasons and in open areas, saltwater shrimp
65 may be taken only with shrimp trawls, trawls, butterfly nets,
66 skimmer nets, push trawls, beach seines and cast nets.

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

