

By: Senator(s) Hewes

To: Ports and Marine Resources; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2594

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-305, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES TO USE SPECIAL  
3 NONSTATE FUNDS FOR ANCILLARY INCENTIVES FOR EMPLOYEES; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-15-305, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 49-15-305. (1) The commission shall submit three (3)  
9 nominees for the position of executive director to the Governor.  
10 The Governor shall appoint the executive director from the list of  
11 nominees with the advice and consent of the Senate. The  
12 commission may remove the executive director from office for good  
13 cause. The executive director shall be knowledgeable and  
14 experienced in marine resources management.

15 (2) The executive director of the department shall have the  
16 following powers and duties:

17 (a) To supervise and direct all administrative,  
18 inspection and technical activities and personnel of the  
19 department;

20 (b) To employ qualified professional personnel in the  
21 subject matter or fields, and any other technical and clerical  
22 staff as may be required for the operation of the department and  
23 to use available special nonstate funding sources to provide  
24 ancillary incentives to the personnel of the department;

25 (c) To coordinate all studies in the State of  
26 Mississippi concerned with the supply, development, use and  
27 conservation of marine resources;



28           (d) To prepare and deliver to the Legislature and the  
29 Governor on or before January 1 of each year, and at any other  
30 times as may be required by the Legislature or Governor, a full  
31 report of the work of the department, including a detailed  
32 statement of expenditures of the department and any  
33 recommendations the department may have;

34           (e) To enter into cooperative agreements with any  
35 federal or state agency or subdivision thereof, or any public or  
36 private institution located inside or outside the State of  
37 Mississippi, or any person, corporation or association in  
38 connection with studies and investigations pertaining to marine  
39 resources, provided the agreements do not have a financial cost in  
40 excess of the amounts appropriated for the purposes by the  
41 Legislature and to expend discretionary funds to develop such  
42 agreements, studies and investigations that show potential for  
43 nonstate funding sources; and

44           (f) To carry out all regulations and rules adopted by  
45 the commission and enforce all licenses and permits issued by the  
46 department.

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

