

By: Senator(s) Dawkins

To: Ports and Marine Resources

SENATE BILL NO. 2759

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-27-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE  
3 COASTAL WETLANDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-27-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 49-27-9. (1) No regulated activity shall affect any coastal  
8 wetlands without a permit unless excluded in Section 49-27-7. Any  
9 person proposing to conduct or cause to be conducted any  
10 construction activity in coastal wetlands or adjacent waters shall  
11 file an application for a permit with the commission in such form  
12 and with such information as the commission may prescribe.  
13 Applicants for private, single family construction activities for  
14 recreational access or shoreline alterations shall submit an  
15 application fee in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00).  
16 Applicants for private access piers, docks or boathouses exceeding  
17 a combined twelve hundred (1200) square feet or piers exceeding  
18 two hundred (200) linear feet shall submit an application fee in  
19 the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00). Applicants for  
20 construction activities associated with or part of a commercial or  
21 industrial operation shall submit an application fee of not less  
22 than Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00). Construction activities  
23 associated with commercial or industrial operations that involve  
24 docks or piers exceeding twelve hundred (1200) square feet in area  
25 or that involve shoreline alterations exceeding two hundred (200)  
26 linear feet shall submit an application fee of Seven Hundred Fifty  
27 Dollars (\$750.00). The appropriate fee shall be submitted along



28 with the application and made payable to the Department of Marine  
29 Resources. No permit shall be required under this chapter of any  
30 individual who seeks to construct a home, fishing camp or similar  
31 structure on his own property.

32 (2) If the commission determines that the activity, area or  
33 entity is exempt or requires no permit, and that the activity,  
34 area or entity complies with the notification requirement and the  
35 coastal wetland policy as required under Section 49-27-7, the  
36 commission may reduce the application fee by fifty percent (50%).

37 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
38 and after July 1, 2003.

