

By: Representatives Frierson, Janus, Read

To: Marine Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 666

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-27-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE WHAT ITEMS MAY BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION ON MARINE
3 RESOURCES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-27-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 49-27-23. In granting, denying, suspending, revoking,
8 modifying, or limiting any permit, the commission shall consider
9 the effect of the proposed activity with reference to the public
10 policy expressed in Section 49-27-3 of this chapter. A permittee
11 under this chapter must obtain a permit from the Mississippi
12 Commission on Environmental Quality if required by that commission
13 under Sections 49-17-29 through 49-17-43, and nothing in this
14 chapter is intended to waive the requirements and standards of
15 such commission. A Mississippi Commission on Environmental
16 Quality permit granted to an applicant under this chapter shall be
17 proof of the applicant's meeting any water quality standard
18 considered by the commission under this chapter. Any conflict
19 between the commission under this chapter and the Commission on
20 Environmental Quality shall be resolved in favor of the Commission
21 on Environmental Quality. The commission may undertake studies
22 regarding water quality and submit the results of such studies to
23 the Commission on Environmental Quality.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2005.