

By: Representative Barnett

To: Marine Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 1209

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT NO SHRIMP PRODUCT SHALL BE OFFERED FOR
2 DIRECT RETAIL SALE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION UNLESS THE SHRIMP PRODUCT
3 IS LABELED AS A PRODUCT OF THIS COUNTRY OR AS IMPORTED SHRIMP, A
4 PRODUCT OF A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) No shrimp product shall be offered for
8 direct retail sale for human consumption by a processor,
9 distributor, wholesaler or retailer unless the shrimp product is
10 specifically labeled in the following manner:

11 (a) "SHRIMP, A PRODUCT OF THE UNITED STATES" if the
12 product originates from the United States.

13 (b) "IMPORTED SHRIMP, A PRODUCT OF A COUNTRY OTHER THAN
14 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" if the product originates from a
15 country other than the United States of America.

16 (2) Any person selling shrimp exclusively and directly to
17 the consumer may have on his premises a sign reasonably visible to
18 the consumer identifying such product as "Shrimp, a Product of the
19 United States" or "Imported Shrimp, A Product of a Country Other
20 Than the United States of America" as such products are defined in
21 this section, rather than labeling each individual container or
22 package of shrimp product, as provided in this section.

23 (3) Any retailer selling shrimp products not wrapped or in a
24 container may comply with this article by placing a sign on the
25 display case or refrigeration unit reasonably visible to the
26 consumer, giving notice that such shrimp is either "Shrimp, a
27 Product of the United States" or "Imported Shrimp, A Product of a

28 Country Other Than the United States of America" as such products
29 are defined in this section.

30 (4) Any advertising as to any shrimp product shall state
31 whether such shrimp product is "Shrimp, a Product of the United
32 States," or "Imported Shrimp, A Product of A Country Other Than
33 The United States of America" as defined in this section.

34 (5) This section shall not apply to shrimp products exported
35 out of the United States.

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