

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

SENATE BILL NO. 2670  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 59-21-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE FEES FOR CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER OF VESSELS; TO REVISE THE  
3 LENGTH OF BOAT CATEGORIES FOR FEES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-21-19,  
4 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE VALIDATION PERIOD OF  
5 CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER FOR BOATS ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE,  
6 FISHERIES AND PARKS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 59-21-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 59-21-25. (1) Fees for the award of certificates of number  
11 for original, transfer, renewal, livery, dealer and duplicate  
12 shall be as follows:

- 13 (a) Less than 16 feet..... \$ 7.50
- 14 (b) 16 feet but less than 26 feet..... \$22.50
- 15 (c) 26 feet but less than 40 feet..... \$45.00
- 16 (d) 40 feet and over..... \$45.00
- 17 (e) Dealer number..... \$37.50
- 18 (f) Duplicate..... \$ 5.00
- 19 (g) Boat inspection fee..... \$10.00

20 (2) The fee provided for under subsection (1)(g) of this  
21 section shall only be charged when the owner of a boat requests  
22 the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to perform an  
23 inspection of a boat serial number for the purpose of replacing or  
24 awarding a damaged or removed serial number.

25 (3) All fees for numbers and renewal of number shall be  
26 payable to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and  
27 Parks to be deposited by the department in the State Treasury in a  
28 special fund to be designated as the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund,  
29 which shall be disbursed upon the recommendation of the department

30 as may be appropriated by the Legislature. The State Treasurer  
31 shall release to the department such sums as are required to  
32 defray all administrative costs of the boat registration fee  
33 division of the department and to improve the law enforcement  
34 capability of the department on the inland and marine waters of  
35 the State of Mississippi and as may be budgeted by the department  
36 for the purpose of paying the cost of the administration of this  
37 chapter for education on water safety, improvement of water safety  
38 and motorboating facilities in the state, and advertising and  
39 promoting the waterways of the state. Any and all revenue over  
40 and above the actual administrative cost of implementing this act  
41 shall be used to fund salaries of additional conservation officers  
42 in all eighty-two (82) counties.

43 **SECTION 2.** Section 59-21-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
44 amended as follows:

45 59-21-19. (1) The certificate of number shall be  
46 pocket-size, approximately two and one-half inches (2-1/2") by  
47 three and one-half inches (3-1/2"), and water resistant.

48 (2) Pending the issuance of the original certificate of  
49 number, the owner of the vessel may be furnished a temporary  
50 certificate of number valid for sixty (60) days from the date of  
51 issue. This temporary certificate shall be carried on board when  
52 the vessel is being operated.

53 (3) Each applicant for an original or transfer certificate  
54 of number, who is entitled to issuance thereof, shall be issued a  
55 certificate for a period of three (3) years from the last day of  
56 the month of receipt of the original or transfer certificate.  
57 This subsection shall not apply to the certificate of number of a  
58 livery boat.

59 (4) The certificate of number of a livery boat shall be  
60 plainly marked "livery boat." The description of the motor and  
61 type of fuel will be omitted from the certificate of number in any  
62 case where the motor is not rented with the boat. Original and

63 renewal certificates of number of a livery boat shall be valid for  
64 a period of three (3) years and shall expire at midnight on  
65 June 30 \* \* \*.

66 (5) Numbers and certificates of number awarded boats  
67 operated by manufacturers and dealers may be transferred from one  
68 (1) boat to another. In lieu of the description, the word  
69 "manufacturer" or "dealer", as appropriate, will be plainly marked  
70 on each certificate. The manufacturer or dealer may have the  
71 number awarded printed upon or attached to a removable sign or  
72 signs to be temporarily mounted upon or attached to the boat being  
73 demonstrated or tested so long as the display meets the  
74 requirements of Section 59-21-9.

75 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
76 and after July 1, 2006.