

By: Senator(s) Dawkins

To: Ports and Marine Resources

SENATE BILL NO. 2505

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 \* \* \* coastal wetlands shall be altered  
8 without a permit unless excluded in Section 49-27-7. Any person  
9 proposing to alter, directly or indirectly, any coastal wetlands  
10 or adjacent waters shall file an application for a permit with the  
11 commission in the form and with any information as the commission  
12 may prescribe. Applicants shall submit one (1) of the following  
13 fees:

14 (a) Private, single-family construction projects for  
15 recreational access or shoreline alterations with a combined  
16 impact or shaded area of:

17 (i) Not more than fifteen hundred (1500) square  
18 feet..... \$ 50.00;

19 (ii) More than fifteen hundred (1500)  
20 square feet..... 300.00.

21 (b) Projects associated with a commercial or industrial  
22 operation with a combined impact or shaded area of:

23 (i) Not more than fifteen hundred (1500)  
24 square feet..... \$ 500.00;

25 (ii) More than fifteen hundred (1500) square feet  
26 and less than one (1) acre..... 1,000.00.

27           (c) Projects associated with a commercial or industrial  
28 operation with a combined impact or shaded area exceeding one (1)  
29 acre of impact to state water bottoms, coastal wetlands or  
30 adjacent wetlands.....\$2,000.00,  
31 and the costs of a court reporter required for public or  
32 evidentiary hearing specific to the project.

33           (d) The appropriate fee shall be submitted along with  
34 the application and made payable to the Department of Marine  
35 Resources.

36           No permit shall be required under this chapter of any  
37 individual who seeks to construct, without impacts to coastal  
38 wetlands, a home, fishing camp or similar structure on his own  
39 property.

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

45           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
46 and after July 1, 2007.