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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-90, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE REPEALER ON THE PROVISIONS THAT AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO ESTABLISH PERMITS AND FEES FOR TAKING PADDLEFISH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 49-7-90, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-7-90. (1) Any person who takes or possesses a paddlefish or parts thereof, whether coming from within or from outside the state, in violation of law or regulation is guilty of a Class I violation and may be punished as provided in Section 49-7-141, and upon conviction, shall forfeit all hunting, trapping and fishing privileges and paddlefish permits for a period of not less than one (1) year from the date of conviction. A violator shall pay a reinstatement fee of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) to have his or her privileges restored.

(2) The commission may promulgate rules and regulations, establish and issue permits and establish and collect fees for permits for the harvest and sale of paddlefish and paddlefish parts.

(3) Any person engaged in selling or peddling nonnative fish taken from public waters must possess a commercial fishing license.

(4) Any person required to purchase a commercial fishing license must report his catch and/or other activities as required by regulation of the commission.

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2010.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
February 3, 2010

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PASSED BY THE SENATE
March 3, 2010

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR

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