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SENATE BILL NO. 2948

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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-81, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE THE SCIENTIFIC NAME OF THE FAMILY OF FUNDULIDAE MINNOWS IN THE DEFINITION OF SALTWATER MINNOWS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 49-15-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-81. (1) The term "saltwater minnow" as used in this section shall mean any species within the families Cyprinodontidae, Fundulidae or Poeciliidae.

(2) Before beginning operations to catch or transport saltwater minnows for sale, fishermen must obtain a saltwater live bait license and pay a fee according to the following schedule: A resident shall pay a fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), a nonresident shall pay a fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or if the nonresident's domicile state charges more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for residents of Mississippi to engage in a like activity, then that applicant shall pay the same fee or fees that the applicant's domicile state charges residents of Mississippi.

(3) All minnow traps placed in or on the marine waters of the State of Mississippi shall have a corrosion resistant metal or plastic tag attached to the trap to permanently mark the minnow traps for ownership. The tag used to mark the traps shall be legibly and permanently stamped with letters containing the applicable licensed minnow fishermen's full name. The minimum height of the letters shall be at least three-sixteenths (3/16) of an inch. The tags shall be supplied by the minnow fisherman.

(4) Licensed live bait catcher boats and licensed live bait dealers involved in the transporting of minnows are exempt from the commercial minnow licensing requirement in subsection (2) of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED BY THE SENATE
February 3, 2011



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
February 25, 2011



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR



GOVERNOR

