

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

## Office of the Governor



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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SENATE AND THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

### GOVERNOR'S SIGNING STATEMENT FOR SENATE BILL 2516

I am signing Senate Bill 2516, "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON MARINE RESOURCES TO SUSPEND THE LICENSE OF A PERSON FOR BEING OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH AN ORDER FOR SUPPORT; TO REVOKE THE LICENSE OF A PERSON VIOLATING SEAFOOD LAWS, FAILING TO COMPLY WITH A SUMMONS OR FAILING TO PAY A FINE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES" despite lack of clarity in the bill in regards to "chapter" references.

Senate Bill 2516 contains a section which creates new law. Within the section, reference is made to the provisions applying to "this chapter" without specifying the particular chapter referred to. Since the title indicates that the new language allows the Commission on Marine Resources to take certain actions, one assumes that the "chapter" referred to is one that governs the Commission on Marine Resources. Our research indicates that the "chapter" referenced in the bill should be Chapter 15, Title 49 of the Mississippi Code of 1972.

In situations like this, normal procedure is to include language at the beginning of the section or create a new section prior to the effective date section specifying where the new section should be codified. I think the legislative intent is that Section 1 of the bill would be codified in Chapter 15, Title 49 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, and respectfully request the Joint Legislative Committee on Compilation, Revision and Publication to advise the publisher of the Mississippi Code to codify Section 1 within the appropriate Chapter and Title.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Bryant  
Governor