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3 By Representative Collier
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the holder of a live
9 saltwater bait license may not use a seine or
10 travel net having a width greater than 16 feet when
11 any area has been closed to commercial shrimping.

12 This bill would make this restriction apply
13 only in an area which has been temporarily closed
14 to commercial shrimping.

15 Under existing law, the holder of a live
16 saltwater bait license may have one shrimp basket
17 on his or her boat or truck and two shrimp baskets
18 at his or her place of business.

19 This bill would authorize the holder of a
20 live saltwater bait license to have two shrimp
21 baskets on his or her boat and two shrimp baskets
22 on his or her truck and four shrimp baskets at his
23 or her place of business.

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25 A BILL
26 TO BE ENTITLED
27 AN ACT

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To amend Section 9-12-54.4 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the holders of live saltwater bait licenses, to further regulate the use of certain nets and the number of standard shrimp baskets which may be used.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 9-12-54.4 of the Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§9-12-54.4.

"Licensed live saltwater bait catcher boats may, except as otherwise provided by law or regulation, take or catch, or attempt to take or catch, bait shrimp of any size and other saltwater species of bait in waters of the state under the jurisdiction of the Marine Resources Division as defined by rule of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources not permanently closed to shrimping. Licensed live saltwater bait catchers may take or catch, or attempt to take or catch, live saltwater bait from 4:00 o'clock a.m. until 10:00 o'clock p.m. in areas temporarily closed to commercial shrimping, except as otherwise provided by law or regulation. ~~The~~ In an area temporarily closed to commercial shrimping or in an area designated as an exclusive bait area, live saltwater bait ~~shall~~ may not be taken with any seine or trawl having a width greater than 16 feet as measured at the cork line or main top line ~~when any area, other than areas permanently closed to shrimping by statute or regulation, is closed to commercial shrimping and in designated exclusive~~

1 ~~bait areas~~. Lengths and widths of leadlines or footropes and
2 trawl boards may be set by regulation. Dead shrimp must be
3 packaged and sold with head attached in lots of no more than
4 one pound. ~~No~~ The holder of a live saltwater bait license
5 ~~shall~~ may have in his or her possession pursuant to such
6 license not more than ~~one~~ two standard shrimp ~~basket~~ baskets
7 (measuring 17 inches in diameter at the top, 13.5 inches at
8 the bottom, and 14 inches in height) of shrimp live or dead
9 per on the licensee's boat, or not more than two shrimp
10 baskets on his or her truck, and ~~no~~ not more than ~~three~~ a
11 total of four standard shrimp baskets per at the licensee's
12 place of business and such or otherwise. Any shrimp taken by
13 the licensee may only ~~shall~~ be sold ~~only~~ as bait."

14 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
15 first day of the third month following its passage and
16 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.