

House Bill 370

By: Representatives Smith of the 175th, Lane of the 146th and Barnard of the 154th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 27-4-171 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bait dealers, so as to provide that any live bait shrimp dealership which is not within one-half mile of public salt-water angling access and which derives at least \$5,000.00 of earned income from the sale of recreational fishing supplies, equipment, and accessories shall be exempt from requirements of providing such access; to provide for the maintenance of records; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 27-4-171 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bait dealers, is amended by striking in its entirety paragraph (3) of subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(3) Any live bait shrimp dealership which is not within one-half mile of public salt-water angling access shall be required to maintain public access to customers through such services as public launching facilities, public fishing docks or platforms, or other forms of salt-water access during all tidal stages, including without limitation . ~~Such access shall include~~ vehicular access and public parking; provided, however, that any such shrimp dealership which derives at least \$5,000.00 of earned income from the sale of recreational fishing supplies, equipment, and accessories associated with salt-water angling shall be exempt from the provisions of this paragraph. Any dealer claiming such exemption shall provide such records as the department deems necessary to evidence such sales;"

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.