

March 1, 2001

H 418. BEACH PRESERVATION & RESTORATION ACT. *TO ACKNOWLEDGE STATE POLICY THAT BEACH PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION ARE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND THAT WHERE ECONOMICALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY JUSTIFIED BEACH PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA BEACH PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION COMMISSION, TO ESTABLISH THE BEACH PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION FUND, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE BEACH PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION FUND.* Adds new article 29 to GS Ch. 113, which (1) declares state policy to preserve beaches and that beach preservation and restoration are public purposes; (2) creates new Beach Preservation and Restoration Comm'n (Comm'n), administratively located within Dep't of Environment and Natural Resources; (3) sets number of Comm'n members at 9, 3 appointed by the Governor, 6 by the General Assembly, of which 3 each are on recommendation of the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tem of the Senate; (4) sets qualifications and terms (4 years) of Comm'n members and process for Comm'n meetings; (5) provides for Executive Director paid at least as much as Director of Division of Coastal Management; (6) charges Comm'n to study and develop plan for allocating funds from newly created, non-reverting Beach Preservation and Restoration Fund (Fund), plan to be submitted to General Assembly by July 1, 2003; (7) prohibits Fund grants from being used for local portion of federally funded beach nourishment project and provides for local matches of up to 10% for Fund grants; (8) sets other policies and procedures for Fund and Comm'n operations; and (9) appropriates from the General Fund to the Fund \$1,000,000 for 2001-2002 fiscal year and \$2,000,000 for 2002-2003 fiscal year, further expressing intent of General Assembly to appropriate an increasing annual amount rising to \$12,000,000 by 2005-2006 fiscal year and thereafter. Effective July 1, 2001.

Intro. by Warwick.

Ref. to Rules	GS 113, APPROP
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