

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

S

2

**SENATE BILL 599
Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee Substitute Adopted
5/22/07**

Short Title: Inlet Stabilization Pilot Program.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 12, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COASTAL RESOURCES COMMISSION TO
3 IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROJECT TO STUDY THE USE OF TERMINAL
4 GROINS FOR OCEAN INLET STABILIZATION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 113A-115.1, the Coastal Resources
7 Commission may permit the construction of a terminal groin in conjunction with a pilot
8 project to study the use of terminal groins to stabilize ocean inlets. The permit shall
9 include a condition that the terminal groin shall be removed at the permittee's expense if
10 the Coastal Resources Commission finds that the terminal groin is ineffective in
11 stabilizing the inlet or if the Commission finds that the adverse effects of the terminal
12 groin outweigh the benefits. To obtain a permit under this section, an applicant shall:

- 13 (1) Prepare an environmental impact statement for the project that meets
14 the requirements of the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act of
15 1971. The environmental impact statement must include an analysis of
16 alternatives to the proposed terminal groin. The Commission shall not
17 issue a permit unless the environmental impact statement demonstrates
18 that the construction of the terminal groin will have less adverse
19 impact on the environment than any other alternative and demonstrates
20 that the terminal groin will not cause a detrimental effect on adjacent
21 lands or downdrift areas.
- 22 (2) Provide a financially binding commitment in an amount sufficient to
23 cover the cost of removing the terminal groin and restoring the
24 affected beach.

25 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Coastal Resources Commission shall evaluate the
26 effectiveness of the terminal groin in stabilizing the inlet and other benefits or adverse
27 impacts of the terminal groin, if any, over time. The Coastal Resources Commission

- 1 shall report its findings and recommendations to the Environmental Review
2 Commission on or before 1 January of each year beginning 1 January 2008.
3 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.