

HOUSE BILL NO. 1517

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on/for \_\_\_\_\_)

on \_\_\_\_\_)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Knight)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 28.2-1408.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to general permit for sand management in the City of Norfolk and the Sandbridge Beach Subdivision.

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 28.2-1408.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 28.2-1408.2. Exemptions.**

A. Notwithstanding the requirements of § 28.2-1408 or any other provision of this Code, the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board ~~(Board)~~ shall make an ongoing determination in the Sandbridge Beach Subdivision to determine which structures or properties are in clear and imminent danger from erosion and storm damage due to severe wave action or storm surge. The owners of such structures or properties shall not be prohibited from erecting and maintaining protective bulkheads or other equivalent structural improvements of the type, size, and configuration as approved by the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board. As used in this section, ~~the~~ "Sandbridge Beach Subdivision" means the area that is bounded on the north by Dam Neck Naval Base, on the west by Sandpiper Road, and on the south by Little Island Park.

The Virginia Beach Wetlands Board shall not impose arbitrary or unreasonable conditions upon its approval of any such bulkhead or other structural improvement. The Virginia Beach Wetlands Board shall maintain a continuing responsibility to ensure that each bulkhead or structural improvement constructed under the authority of this section is maintained in a condition that is safe, structurally sound, and otherwise in conformity with the conditions imposed by the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board.

Upon submission of an application to the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board pursuant to this section, as a requirement for approval, the applicant must consent in writing to any subsequent construction approved by the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board whereby an adjacent property owner

27 desires to tie in a bulkhead at no additional cost with the bulkhead proposed by the applicant. Such  
28 consent shall constitute a waiver of property line defenses relating to the bulkhead line.

29 B. 1. The Virginia Beach Wetlands Board may develop and adopt, after holding a public hearing,  
30 a General Permit for Sand Management and Placement Profiles for properties in the Sandbridge Beach  
31 Subdivision. The Virginia Beach Wetlands Board shall publish notice of each hearing at least once a  
32 week for two consecutive weeks prior to such hearing in a newspaper having general circulation in  
33 Virginia Beach.

34 2. The Norfolk Wetlands Board may develop and adopt, after holding a public hearing, a General  
35 Permit for Sand Management and Placement Profiles for properties in the City of Norfolk. The Norfolk  
36 Wetlands Board shall publish notice of each hearing at least once a week for two consecutive weeks  
37 prior to such hearing in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Norfolk.

38 C. Any General Permit for Sand Management and Placement Profiles adopted by a wetlands  
39 board pursuant to subsection B shall set forth sand management practices that require owners of real  
40 property in the permit area to undertake responsible, cost-effective sand management practices that (i)  
41 protect and enhance the value and use of their property and (ii) preserve and protect coastal primary  
42 sand dunes and public beaches and prevent their despoliation and destruction. The General Permit for  
43 Sand Management and Placement Profiles shall specify all permissible sand management practices,  
44 including the manner in which sand removed from these properties shall be transported to and placed  
45 upon an appropriate sand placement and spreading zone as may be designated in the Placement Profiles  
46 adopted by the wetlands board. The sand shall be in the condition of clean beach sand prior to such  
47 transport and placement. A wetlands board may from time to time revise such General Permit for Sand  
48 Management and Placement Profiles as appropriate, in accordance with this subsection and subsections  
49 B and D.

50 D. Following adoption of the General Permit for Sand Management and Placement Profiles, the  
51 owner of real property in the permit area, or the designee of such owner, may apply for coverage under  
52 the applicable General Permit for Sand Management and Placement Profile by submitting a registration  
53 statement to the local wetlands board on a form to be developed by the wetlands board requiring the

54 following information: (i) owner's name; (ii) owner's address; (iii) owner's telephone number and email  
55 address; (iv) address of property or properties; (v) designee's name, if any; (vi) designee's address; (vii)  
56 designee's telephone number and email address; (viii) identification of the applicable Placement Profile  
57 for the property; (ix) signature of owner or designee; and (x) date of application. The wetlands board  
58 may impose a reasonable fee in connection with processing the registration statement.

59 The wetlands board shall, within 30 days of receipt of a registration statement, notify the owner  
60 or his designee in writing whether the registration statement is approved or disapproved. The wetlands  
61 board's written notice of approval or disapproval may be delivered to the applicant via email at the email  
62 address stated in the registration statement or it may be delivered via United States mail at the address  
63 stated in the registration statement, or both. If the wetlands board fails to notify the applicant in writing  
64 within 30 days of receipt of a registration statement, then the registration statement is deemed approved.  
65 If the registration statement is disapproved, the wetlands board shall provide in its notification to the  
66 applicant a complete statement of the reason for the disapproval. Notwithstanding the requirements of §  
67 28.2-1408 or any other provision of law, if the registration statement is approved, then the applicant is  
68 authorized to manage sand in accordance with the applicable General Permit for Sand Management for a  
69 period of three years from the date of the application. The approval or disapproval of a registration  
70 statement submitted by an applicant is a decision of the wetlands board that is reviewable pursuant to §  
71 28.2-1411.

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