

April 10, 2003

**H 1165. 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 Art. 29 in Ch. 113 to establish the NC Beach Preservation & Restoration Comm'n, composed of nine members appointed by the Governor and the General Assembly. Sets forth powers and duties of the Comm'n, which include developing a state plan for beach preservation and restoration and coordinating the activities of governmental agencies and private organizations in developing and implementing beach access, preservation and restoration projects. Authorizes Comm'n to adopt rules to implement the Act. Establishes the NC Beach Preservation and Restoration Fund, to be used to provide grants to beach communities for public beach access, beach preservation, and beach restoration. Appropriates \$1 million for 2003-2004, and \$2 million for 2004-2005 from General Fund to NC Beach Preservation & Restoration Fund. Suggests amounts to be appropriated in subsequent years. Effective July 1, 2003.

**Intro. by Stiller.**

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