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S 626. EXPAND MARINE INSPECTOR ENFORCEMENT AUTH. TO EXPAND THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF MARINE PATROL INSPECTORS TO INCLUDE CRIMINAL OFFENSES COMMITTED IN THE PRESENCE OF AN INSPECTOR AND WHEN AN INSPECTOR IS ASKED TO TEMPORARILY ASSIST A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. Repeals GS 113-136(d1), replacing it with new -136(d2) and -136(d3). Provides that a marine fisheries inspector or wildlife protector has the same powers invested in law enforcement officers by statute or common law when the inspector or protector has probable cause to believe that a criminal offense has been committed in his presence. Also provides that inspector or protector has the authority to enforce criminal laws when asked to provide temporary assistance by the head of a state or local law enforcement agency (or the designee) and the request is within the scope of the subject matter jurisdiction of the agency. Provides that in this latter instance the inspector or protector is not considered an officer, employee, or agent of the agency.

Intro. by Albertson.

Ref. to Judiciary I	GS 113
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