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**S 2014. THE HUGH MORTON SAVE THE COAST PILOT/FUNDS.** Filed 5/25/06. *TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO TEST THE UNDERCURRENT STABILIZATION SYSTEM AT NORTH TOPSAIL BEACH TO DETERMINE IF IT IS EFFECTIVE TO STABILIZE COASTAL PROPERTY IN IMMINENT THREAT OF EXPERIENCING SIGNIFICANT LOSS DUE TO EROSION UNDER ORDINARY CONDITIONS OR DUE TO A NATURAL DISASTER AND TO DIRECT THE COASTAL RESOURCES COMMISSION TO ISSUE A PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF THIS TECHNOLOGY FOR THE DURATION OF THIS STUDY.* As title indicates. Program will be implemented by Town of North Topsail Beach. Requires issuance of permits for system notwithstanding GS 113A-115.1(b) or other applicable laws or rules to the contrary. Department of Environment and Natural Resources must evaluate whether technology prevents loss of coastal property, determine desirability of establishing a general permit for this technology, and report its findings and recommendations to the Environmental Review Commission by December 1, 2008. Appropriates \$25,000 for 2006-07 to Town of North Topsail Beach to implement pilot program.

**Intro. by Brown.**

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