

	LEGISLATIVE ACTION	
Senate		House
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The Committee on Appropriations (Richter) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

3 Between lines 22 and 23

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insert:

Section 1.

(1) Any building permit, and any permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection or by a water management district pursuant to part IV of chapter 373, Florida Statutes, which has an expiration date from January 1, 2014, through

January 1, 2016, is extended and renewed for a period of 2 years

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- after its previously scheduled date of expiration. This extension includes any local government-issued development order or building permit including certificates of levels of service. This section does not prohibit conversion from the construction phase to the operation phase upon completion of construction. This extension is in addition to any existing permit extension. Extensions granted pursuant to this section; s. 14 of chapter 2009-96, Laws of Florida, as reauthorized by s. 47 of chapter 2010-147, Laws of Florida; s. 46 of chapter 2010-147, Laws of Florida; s. 73 or s. 79 of chapter 2011-139, Laws of Florida; or s. 24 of chapter 2012-205, Laws of Florida, may not exceed 4 years in total. Further, specific development order extensions granted pursuant to s. 380.06(19)(c)2., Florida Statutes, may not be further extended by this section.
 - (2) The commencement and completion dates for any required mitigation associated with a phased construction project are extended so that mitigation takes place in the same timeframe relative to the phase as originally permitted.
 - (3) The holder of a valid permit or other authorization that is eligible for the 2-year extension must notify the authorizing agency in writing by December 31, 2014, identifying the specific authorization for which the holder intends to use the extension and the anticipated timeframe for acting on the authorization.
 - (4) The extension provided in subsection (1) does not apply to:
 - (a) A permit or other authorization under any programmatic or regional general permit issued by the Army Corps of Engineers.

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- (b) A permit or other authorization held by an owner or operator determined to be in significant noncompliance with the conditions of the permit or authorization as established through the issuance of a warning letter or notice of violation, the initiation of formal enforcement, or other equivalent action by the authorizing agency.
- (c) A permit or other authorization, if granted an extension that would delay or prevent compliance with a court order.
- (5) Permits extended under this section shall continue to be governed by the rules in effect at the time the permit was issued unless it is demonstrated that the rules in effect at the time the permit was issued would create an immediate threat to public safety or health. This provision applies to any modification of the plans, terms, and conditions of the permit which lessens the environmental impact, except that any such modification does not extend the time limit beyond 2 additional years.
- (6) This section does not impair the authority of a county or municipality to require the owner of a property who has notified the county or municipality of the owner's intent to receive the extension of time granted pursuant to this section to maintain and secure the property in a safe and sanitary condition in compliance with applicable laws and ordinances.

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And the title is amended as follows: Delete line 2

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An act relating to environmental regulation; extending and renewing building permits and certain permits issued by the Department of Environmental Protection or a water management district, including any local government-issued development order or building permit issued pursuant thereto; limiting certain permit extensions to a specified period of time; extending commencement and completion dates for required mitigation associated with a phased construction project; requiring the holder of an extended permit or authorization to provide notice to the authorizing agency; providing exceptions to the extension and renewal of such permits; providing that extended permits are governed by certain rules; providing applicability; amending s.