

**Committee on Environmental Preservation
And Conservation**

HB 1049 — Divers

by Rep. Raschein and others (CS/SB 1176 by Judiciary Committee and Senator Abruzzo)

The bill gives divers the option to display a divers-down buoy instead of a divers-down flag when diving. The bill specifies design and display requirements for a divers-down buoy but prohibits the use or display of the divers-down buoy onboard a vessel. All other current requirements for vessel operators and divers when a divers-down flag is used will apply when a divers-down buoy is used.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2014.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 116-0