

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to Nassau County; providing that certain  
 3           single-family docks located in the Nassau River-St. Johns  
 4           River Marshes Aquatic Preserve must meet specified  
 5           criteria; authorizing the Department of Environmental  
 6           Protection to take action against owners of docks that do  
 7           not meet such criteria after a specified date; providing an  
 8           effective date.

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 10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12           Section 1. Existing single-family docks constructed or  
 13 permitted for construction prior to June 1, 2009, that are  
 14 located in the Nassau River-St. Johns River Marshes Aquatic  
 15 Preserve within Nassau County shall:

16           (1) Be exempt from the need to obtain a permit under part  
 17 IV of chapter 373, Florida Statutes, for the existing dock.

18           (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 258, Florida  
 19 Statutes, and rule 18-20, Florida Administrative Code, be  
 20 allowed to retain a terminal platform, as defined in rule 18-20,  
 21 Florida Administrative Code, without regard to the cumulative  
 22 total deck and roof area, provided that by December 31, 2010,  
 23 the owner of the riparian parcel associated with the dock  
 24 applies for a letter of consent to use sovereignty submerged  
 25 lands from the Department of Environmental Protection acting on  
 26 behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement  
 27 Trust fund. A letter of consent shall be issued once applicable  
 28 criteria of this section are met.

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29        (3) Be maintained, repaired, or replaced within a  
30 footprint the same as or smaller than the footprint of the  
31 current structure in accordance with rule 18-21.004(7)(h),  
32 Florida Administrative Code. This subsection does not prohibit  
33 an owner from demolishing or removing such a dock.

34        Section 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to  
35 prevent the Department of Environmental Protection from taking  
36 enforcement action against the owner of the riparian parcel  
37 associated with a dock that does not meet the criteria of  
38 section 1 after December 31, 2010.

39        Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.