

Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy

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H103 - 2022 Appropriations Act.

Sec. 5.7: Authorize Sanitary Districts to Create, Maintain, and Operate Parks and Recreation Programs and Facilities. (SL 2022-74)

Section 5.7 of S.L. 2022–74 authorizes sanitary districts to provide for the creation, maintenance, and operation of parks and recreation programs and facilities. However, sanitary districts are prohibited from using the power of eminent domain to acquire real property for parks and recreation programs or facilities.

This section became effective July 1, 2022.

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Sec. 12.1: Amend Shallow Draft Navigation Channel Dredging and Coastal Storm Damage Mitigation Funds. (SL 2022-74)

Section 12.1 of S.L. 2022-74 does the following:

- Clarifies that grant eligibility under the Shallow Draft Navigation Channel Dredging and Aquatic Weed Fund (Shallow Draft Fund) and the Coastal Storm Damage Mitigation Fund is limited to nonfederal costs of projects sponsored by units of local government, except with respect to aquatic weed control projects.
- Eases the cost-share requirement for all eligible dredging projects to require only a match of one non-State dollar for every three dollars from the Shallow Draft Fund.
- Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to adopt rules to implement the grant programs associated with both the Shallow Draft Fund and the Coastal Storm Damage Mitigation Fund.

This section became effective July 1, 2022.

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Sec. 12.7: Express Stormwater Permit Application Processing. (SL 2022-74)

Section 12.7 of S.L. 2022-74 allows a permit application for a post-construction stormwater permit submitted pursuant to the post-construction stormwater fast-track program to be submitted to either the Washington or Wilmington regional offices of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) at the option of the applicant.

This section became effective July 1, 2022.

H219 - Amend Environmental Laws. (SL 2022-43)

S.L. 2022-43 does the following:

- Sets a deadline for reversion for certain directed infrastructure projects.
- Expands the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) authorization for use of river debris funding.
- Makes a technical correction to a Flood Resiliency Blueprint provision.
- Provides the Division of Marine Fisheries flexibility in maintaining its aircraft.
- Aligns Coastal Area Management Act public notice requirements for land-use plan hearings with existing local government notice requirements.
- Directs DEQ to study the express permit and certification review program and the fast-track stormwater permitting program.
- Authorizes DEQ to allow limited wastewater discharges to waters with naturally occurring low dissolved oxygen levels.
- Makes changes to the mining permit notice requirements and appeal deadlines.

This act has various effective dates. Please see the full summary for more details.

H332 - State Nature and Historic Preserve Additions/Deletions. (SL 2022-31)

S.L. 2022-31 does the following:

- Accepts certain properties as part of the State Nature and Historic Preserve (Preserve).
- Removes certain properties from the Preserve.
- Makes various conforming and technical changes to the State Nature and Historic Preserve Dedication Act.

This act became effective June 30, 2022.

H911 - Regulatory Reform Act of 2022.

Sec. 3: Authorize Sanitary Districts to Create, Maintain, and Operate Parks and Recreation Programs and Facilities. (SL 2022-75)

Section 3 of S.L. 2022-75 authorizes sanitary districts to provide for the creation, maintenance, and operation of parks and recreation programs and facilities. However, sanitary districts are prohibited from using the power of eminent domain to acquire real property for parks and recreation programs or facilities.

This section became effective July 12, 2022.

H911 - Regulatory Reform Act of 2022.

Sec. 6: Conforming Change to Lead Dust Standards. (SL 2022-75)

Section 6 of S.L. 2022-75 conforms the State standards for post remediation lead dust clearance levels to the new federal standards that became effective in 2021.

This section becomes effective December 1, 2022.

H911 - Regulatory Reform Act of 2022.

Sec. 21: Repeal Alternate Grant Disbursement Procedure for Certain Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Funds. (SL 2022-75)

Section 21 of S.L. 2022-75 repeals a section of S.L. 2022-74 that would have created alternative criteria for the disbursement of certain water and wastewater infrastructure grant funds.

This section became effective July 1, 2022.

H911 - Regulatory Reform Act of 2022.

Sec. 22: Provide Additional Guidelines for Development of the Flood Resiliency Blueprint. (SL 2022-75)

Section 22 of S.L. 2022-75 provides additional guidelines for the organization contracted to develop the Flood Resiliency Blueprint (Blueprint) for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and requires DEQ to include additional information in its required annual report on the Blueprint.

This section became effective July 12, 2022.

S372 - Electrical Licensing/Building Code/Development Reform 2022. (SL 2022-11)

S.L. 2022-11 makes various changes to the electrical licensing, wastewater, Building Code and development laws of the State.

- G.S. 143-151.58(a) as amended by Section 11(b) of this act was subsequently amended by Section 24(a) of S.L. 2022-46.

This act has various effective dates. Please see the full summary for more detail.