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SENATE BILL 599

Short Title: Clarify Terminal Groin Definition.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Steinburg (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT A TERMINAL GROIN IS NOT AN EROSION CONTROL  
3 STRUCTURE AND THEREFORE IS NOT SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS ON THOSE  
4 STRUCTURES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 113A-115.1(a) reads as rewritten:

7 "(a) ~~As used in this section:~~ The following definitions apply in this section:

8 (1) ~~"Erosion control structure" means a~~ Erosion control structure. – A breakwater,  
9 bulkhead, groin, jetty, jetty (other than a jetty that is a terminal groin or a  
10 portion of a terminal groin), revetment, seawall, or any similar structure.

11 (1a) ~~"Estuarine shoreline" means all~~ Estuarine shoreline. – All shorelines that are  
12 not ocean shorelines that border estuarine waters as defined in  
13 G.S. 113A-113(b)(2).

14 (2) ~~"Ocean shoreline" means the~~ Ocean shoreline. – The Atlantic Ocean, the  
15 oceanfront beaches, and frontal dunes. The term "ocean shoreline" includes  
16 an ocean inlet and lands adjacent to an ocean inlet but does not include that  
17 portion of any inlet and lands adjacent to the inlet that exhibits characteristics  
18 of estuarine shorelines.

19 (3) ~~"Terminal groin" means one~~ Terminal groin. – One or more structures  
20 constructed at the terminus of an island or on the side of an inlet, with a main  
21 stem generally perpendicular to the beach shoreline, that is primarily intended  
22 to protect the terminus of the island from shoreline erosion and inlet migration.  
23 A "terminal groin" shall be pre-filled with beach quality sand and allow sand  
24 moving in the littoral zone to flow past the structure. A "terminal groin" may  
25 include other design features, such as a number of smaller supporting  
26 structures, that are consistent with sound engineering practices and as  
27 recommended by a professional engineer licensed to practice pursuant to  
28 Chapter 89C of the General Statutes. ~~A "terminal groin" is not a jetty.~~

29 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

