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SENATE DRS15193-RI-2 (3/28)

Short Title: Monitor Coastal Water Quality.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Thomas.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION FOR HEALTH SERVICES TO
ADOPT RULES REGARDING MONITORING OF COASTAL RECREATION
WATERS IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE FEDERAL BEACHES
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND COASTAL HEALTH ACT OF 2000.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Part 3A of Article 8 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes
reads as rewritten:

"Part 3A. Monitor Water Quality of Coastal Fishing and Recreation Waters.

"§ 130A-233. Definitions.

The following definitions apply to this Part:

(1) Coastal fishing waters. – Defined in G.S. 113-129(4).

(2) Inland fishing waters. – Defined in G.S. 113-129(9).

(3) Coastal recreation waters. – Defined in 33 U.S.C. § 1362.

**"§ 130A-233.1. Monitoring program for State coastal fishing and recreation
waters; development and implementation of program.**

(a) For the protection of the public health of swimmers and others who use the
State's coastal fishing waters for recreational activities, the Department shall develop
and implement a program to monitor the State's coastal fishing waters for contaminants.
The monitoring program shall cover all coastal fishing waters up to the point where
those waters are classified as inland fishing waters.

(b) The Commission shall adopt rules to provide for a water quality monitoring
program for the coastal recreation waters of the State and to allow the Department to
implement the federal Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act of
2000 (Pub. L. No. 106-284; 114 Stat. 870, 875; 33 U.S.C. §§ 1313, 1362). The rules
shall address, but are not limited to, definitions, surveys, sampling, action standards, and
posting of information on the water quality of coastal recreation waters.

1 **"§ 130A-233.2. Removal or destruction of warning signs.**

2 No person shall remove, destroy, damage, deface, mutilate, or otherwise interfere
3 with any sign posted by the Department pursuant to G.S. 130A-233.1. No person,
4 without just cause or excuse, shall have in his possession any sign posted by the
5 Department pursuant to G.S. 130A-233.1. Any person who violates this section is guilty
6 of a Class 2 misdemeanor."

7 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law except that G.S.
8 130A-233.2, as enacted by Section 1 of this act, becomes effective 1 December 2003
9 and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.