

Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation

HB 53 — Coral Reefs

by Rep. Jacobs and others (SB 232 by Senators Book and Farmer)

The bill (Chapter 2018-30) creates the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area, which consists of the sovereignty submerged lands and state waters offshore of the following counties:

- Broward;
- Martin;
- Miami-Dade; and
- Palm Beach.

The area stretches from the St. Lucie Inlet in Martin County to the northern boundary of the Biscayne National Park in Miami-Dade County.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 35-0; House 107-0