

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

CS/CS/HB 847 — Vessel Regulations

by Infrastructure Strategies Committee; Water Quality, Supply, and Treatment Subcommittee; and Rep. Stark and others (CS/SB 1082 by Rules Committee and Senator DiCeglie)

The bill removes the authority for a local government to require a permit for certain floating vessel platforms (i.e., those not attached to a bulkhead).

The bill provides that a local government may only require a one-time registration of such platforms where the platform owner self-certifies compliance with the exemption criteria. Local governments may require this self-certification to ensure, among other things, compliance with ordinances, codes, state-delegated or state mandated plans or programs, or regulations relating to building or zoning, which may not be applied more stringently than, or inconsistent with, the exemption criteria and address subjects other than subjects addressed by the exemption criteria.

The bill also allows local governments to establish by ordinance minimum wake boating-restricted areas within 500 feet of certain sewage pumpout stations at a public or private nonresidential marina.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 113-2