THE FLORIDA SENATE 2025 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

HB 735 — Water Access Facilities

by Rep. Brackett and others (SB 1162 by Senators Leek and Brodeur)

The bill provides that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection may designate facilities as "Clean Marine Manufacturers." Like other marinas, boatyards, mooring fields, and marine retailers with similar designations, Clean Marine Manufacturers are eligible for a discount on sovereignty submerged land leases and a waiver of extended-term lease surcharges.

The bill expands the authorized uses of funds from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's grant programs, which are funded by the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund, to include construction and maintenance of parking for boat-hauling vehicles and trailers.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2025. *Vote: Senate 37-0; House 112-0*