

By the Committee on Governmental Reform and Oversight and  
Senator Campbell

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to state lands; creating s.  
253.0345, F.S.; providing for the Board of  
Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund  
to issue consents of use or leases for special  
events on sovereign submerged lands; requiring  
notice to adjacent riparian owners; providing  
an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 253.0345, Florida Statutes, is  
created to read:

253.0345 Special events; submerged land leases.--

(1) The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement  
Trust Fund are authorized to issue consents of use or leases  
to riparian landowners and event promoters to allow the  
installation of temporary structures, including docks,  
moorings, pilings, and access walkways, on sovereign submerged  
lands solely for the purpose of facilitating boat shows and  
displays in, or adjacent to, established marinas or  
government-owned upland property. Riparian owners of adjacent  
uplands who are not seeking a lease or consent of use shall be  
notified by certified mail of any request for such a lease or  
consent of use prior to approval by the trustees. The trustees  
shall balance the interests of any objecting riparian owners  
with the economic interests of the public and the state as a  
factor in determining if a lease or consent of use should be  
executed over the objection of adjacent riparian owners. This  
section does not apply to structures for viewing motorboat

1  racing, high-speed motorboat contests, or high-speed displays  
2  in waters where manatees are known to frequent.

3  (2) Any submerged land lease or consent of use shall  
4  be for a period not to exceed 30 days. The lease or consent of  
5  use may also contain appropriate requirements for removal of  
6  the temporary structures, including the posting of sufficient  
7  surety to guarantee appropriate funds for removal of the  
8  structures if the promoter or riparian owner fails to do so  
9  within the time specified in the agreement.

10  (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
11  allow any lease or consent of use that would result in harm to  
12  the natural resources of the area as a result of the  
13  structures or the activities of the special events agreed to.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
15 law.

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17 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
19 Senate Bill 2346

20 The committee substitute changes the duration of special  
21 events from a period not to exceed 60 days to 30 days.

22 The committee substitute requires that riparian owners of  
23 adjacent uplands not seeking a lease or a consent of use shall  
be notified by certified mail regarding individuals who  
request leases or consent of use from the Board of Trustees.

24 The bill specifies that no lease or consent of use will be  
25 permitted if it results in harm to the natural resources of  
the area.