

By Representative Ritchie

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to outer continental shelf  
3           support activities; creating s. 380.30, F.S.;  
4           requiring a permit from the Board of Trustees  
5           of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund for  
6           certain activities that support activities  
7           permitted under the federal Outer Continental  
8           Shelf Lands Act, as amended; providing  
9           application and renewal fees; specifying  
10          conditions for issuance of permits; providing  
11          an effective date.

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

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15           Section 1. Section 380.30, Florida Statutes, is  
16          created to read:

17           380.30 Outer continental shelf support facilities.--

18           (1)(a) It is the policy of this state, as set forth in  
19           s. 187.201(9)(b)8., to avoid the exploration and development  
20           of mineral resources when such exploration and development  
21           threaten marine, aquatic, and estuarine resources.

22           (b) In keeping with this policy, the Legislature finds  
23           a need to regulate persons who provide support to offshore  
24           operations that could adversely impact coastal resources.

25           (2) No person shall provide port facilities,  
26           equipment, supplies, or other support to a person conducting  
27           any activity permitted under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands  
28           Act, as amended, including leases and approvals under 43  
29           U.S.C. s. 1331, as amended, unless such person first obtains  
30           an outer continental shelf activity support permit from the  
31           Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

- 1       (3) The board of trustees shall issue an outer  
2 continental shelf activity support permit only if:  
3       (a) The applicant submits an application, or forms  
4 adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection, along  
5 with a \$1,500 application fee, to the board of trustees; and  
6       (b) The board of trustees determines that the activity  
7 or activities for which the applicant intends to provide port  
8 facilities, equipment, supplies, or other support:  
9       1. Will not threaten marine, aquatic, or estuarine  
10 resources of the state;  
11       2. Will have a net positive impact on marine, aquatic,  
12 and estuarine resources; and  
13       3. Is in the public interest.  
14       (4) The outer continental shelf activity support  
15 permit shall be issued for 1 year. Renewals shall be issued  
16 upon payment of a \$1,000 renewal fee, if the board of trustees  
17 determines that the requirements of paragraph (3)(b) will  
18 continue to be met.

19       Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
20 law.

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23                   HOUSE SUMMARY

24       Requires persons who conduct certain activities in  
25 support of activities permitted under the federal Outer  
26 Continental Shelf Lands Act, as amended, to obtain an  
27 activity support permit from the Board of Trustees of the  
28 Internal Improvement Trust Fund. Specifies permit  
29 application and renewal fees. Conditions issuance of an  
30 activity support permit on the board of trustees'  
31 determination that the activity is in the public interest  
and will not threaten, but will have a positive net  
effect on, marine, aquatic, and estuarine resources.