

By Senator Dockery

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the permitting authority for
3 piers or associated structures; amending s.
4 403.814, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of
5 Environmental Protection from delegating
6 general permit authority to the Southwest
7 Florida Water Management District for the
8 construction, extension, or removal of piers or
9 associated structures; reassigning to the
10 department the authority to act on pending
11 applications for a permit; rescinding a prior
12 delegation of authority by the department to
13 that district; providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 403.814, Florida
18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19 403.814 General permits; delegation.--

20 (4) The department is authorized to delegate any of
21 its general permit authority to the district offices of the
22 department or to water management districts. However, the
23 department may not delegate authority to issue a general
24 permit for construction, extension, or removal of a pier or
25 associated structures within the Southwest Florida Water
26 Management District to that district. Any general permit
27 application for the construction, extension, or removal of a
28 pier or associated structures within the Southwest Florida
29 Water Management District which is pending on July 1, 2004, is
30 reassigned to the department and any authority delegated to

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1 the Southwest Florida Water Management District before July 1,
2 2004, to issue such general permits is rescinded.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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Removes the authority of the Department of Environmental Protection to delegate general permitting authority for the construction, extension, or removal of a pier or associated structures to the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Reassigns the authority to issue pending applications for such pier or structures to the department. Rescinds the prior delegation by the department for such permits to that district.