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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public marinas and boat ramps; amending s. 403.814, F.S.; directing the Department of Environmental Protection to authorize local governments to construct and maintain public marinas and boat ramps; providing for the use of submerged lands; providing for regulatory criteria; exempting certain facilities from development-of-regional-impact review; providing a definition; prohibiting the sale of public marinas and boat ramps; providing for preemptive fees; specifying the use of such fees; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsection (12) is added to section 403.814, Florida Statutes, to read:

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403.814 General permits; delegation. --

19 20 providing regulatory and proprietary authorization to local governments for the construction and maintenance of public

The department shall adopt by rule a general permit

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preempt no more than 50,000 square feet of sovereign submerged

marina facilities and public boat ramps. Such facilities shall

23 24 lands and shall be reviewed pursuant to the regulatory criteria set forth in s. 373.414. All public marina facilities

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constructed pursuant to this subsection must obtain Clean Marina

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Program status within a reasonable time after completion and

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must maintain such status for the life of the facility. Any

public facility in compliance with the provisions of this

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subsection shall not be required to undergo review as a development of regional impact as long as the facility is consistent with the comprehensive plan of the applicable local government. For the purposes of this section, the term "public facility" shall mean open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis with a rental term not to exceed 1 year. No public marina facility or boat ramp constructed pursuant to this subsection shall be sold to a private entity. The state hereby consents to the use of all state lands lying under water that are necessary for the accomplishment of the purposes of this subsection. Fees charged to local governments for preemption of such state lands shall be as set forth in chapter 253 and shall be used to promote boating access in the state.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.