

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to inland navigation districts; amending
 3 s. 258.40, F.S.; providing that the right-of-way and
 4 channel of the Intracoastal Waterway and other designated
 5 public navigation channels are excluded from certain
 6 provisions relating to aquatic preserves; amending s.
 7 374.975, F.S.; authorizing inland navigation districts to
 8 use state-owned submerged lands for the purposes of
 9 construction, maintenance, and operation of certain
 10 waterways; amending s. 374.976, F.S.; authorizing inland
 11 navigation districts to aid and cooperate with certain
 12 nonmember counties for certain activities relating to
 13 waterways; 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 (2) of section 258.40, Florida
 18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19 258.40 Scope of preserves.--

20 (2) Any publicly owned and maintained navigation channel
 21 or other public works project authorized by the United States
 22 Congress designed to improve or maintain commerce and
 23 navigation, including the right-of-way and channel of the
 24 Intracoastal Waterway and any other public navigation channel
 25 designated by the inland navigation districts, shall be deemed
 26 excluded from the aquatic preserves established under this act.

27 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 374.975, Florida
 28 Statutes, is amended to read:

29 374.975 Inland navigation districts; legislative intent.--

30 (1) The Legislature hereby recognizes the continuing need
 31 for inland navigation districts to undertake programs necessary
 32 to accomplish the purposes of construction, maintenance, and
 33 operation of Florida's inland waterways pursuant to s. 107 of
 34 the federal River and Harbor Act of 1960 (33 U.S.C. s. 577). The
 35 inland navigation districts are authorized to use state-owned
 36 submerged lands for the purposes of construction, maintenance,
 37 and operation of this state's inland waterways, including the
 38 right-of-way and channel of the Intracoastal Waterway and any
 39 other public navigation channel designated by the district.

40 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
 41 374.976, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

42 374.976 Authority to address impacts of waterway
 43 development projects.--

44 (1) Each inland navigation district is empowered and
 45 authorized to undertake programs intended to alleviate the
 46 problems associated with its waterway or waterways, including,
 47 but not limited to, the following:

48 (c) The district is authorized to aid and cooperate with
 49 the Federal Government, state, member counties, nonmember
 50 counties that contain any part of the Intracoastal Waterway
 51 within their boundaries, and local governments within the
 52 district in planning and carrying out public navigation, local
 53 and regional anchorage management, beach renourishment, public
 54 recreation, inlet management, environmental education, and
 55 boating safety projects, directly related to the waterways. The
 56 district is also authorized to enter into cooperative agreements

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57 | with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, state, and
58 | member counties, and to covenant in any such cooperative
59 | agreement to pay part of the costs of acquisition, planning,
60 | development, construction, reconstruction, extension,
61 | improvement, operation, and maintenance of such projects.

62 | Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.