

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1263 Brevard County

SPONSOR(S): Needelman

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Committee on Urban & Local Affairs</u>	<u>9 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>Fudge</u>	<u>Kruse</u>
2) <u>Government Efficiency & Accountability Council</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
3) <u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
4) <u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
5) <u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

It is unlawful to harvest clams of the genus Mercenaria from the saltwaters of Brevard County without a valid clam license issued by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The licensing program authorized by ch. 94-419, L.O.F., as amended by chs. 2000-451 and 2003-342, L.O.F., expires on July 1, 2008. Revenues from the licenses provide educational programs in coordination with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to the clam harvesters on public health issues concerning shellfish.

HB 1263 extends the expiration of the Special Act from July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2013 for the clam harvesting licensure program.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

This bill does not appear to implicate any House Principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

It is unlawful to harvest clams of the genus *Mercenaria* from the saltwaters of Brevard County without a valid clam license issued by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The licensing program authorized by ch. 94-419, L.O.F., as amended by chs. 2000-451 and 2003-342, L.O.F., expires on July 1, 2008. Revenues from the licenses provide educational programs in coordination with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to the clam harvesters on public health issues concerning shellfish.

Effect of Proposed Changes

HB 1263 extends the expiration of the Special Act from July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2013 for the clam harvesting licensure program.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Extends the expiration of the Special Act to July 1, 2013.

Section 2: Provides an effective date of upon becoming law.

II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? January 22, 2008.

WHERE? In the *Florida Today*, a newspaper published in Brevard County, Florida.

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached No

The Economic Impact Statement anticipates a decrease in revenues of \$200 for FY 08-09 and \$300 for FY 09-10.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR

No sponsor statement submitted.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES