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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Holder offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 55-56, insert:

5 Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 161.041,
6 Florida Statutes, to read:

7 161.041 Permits required.--

8 (5) The reopening or maintaining of any coastal barrier
9 beach inlet to promote commercial and recreational uses of
10 coastal waters and their resources constitutes a valid public
11 purpose of a governmental entity and shall be presumed to be in
12 the public interest. The department shall permit such reopening
13 or maintenance of inlets under s. 161.055 upon demonstration by
14 the governmental entity of its financial ability and commitment
15 to mitigate impacts to the coastal systems and natural resources
16 consistent with chapter 161 and part IV of chapter 373 and fund
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17 a long-term sand management program designed to mitigate impacts
18 on adjacent sandy beaches consistent with s. 161.142. For the
19 purposes of this subsection, "reopening" means the creation of
20 an inlet on a coastal barrier island or between two coastal
21 barrier islands, upon demonstration that an inlet previously
22 existed, but no longer exists, on or between such coastal
23 barrier islands and is not limited to inlet recreation within
24 the same location or with the same configuration as the
25 preexisting inlet.

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29 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

30 Remove line 2 and insert:

31 An act relating to environmental permitting; amending s.
32 161.041, F.S.; providing that the reopening or maintaining
33 of any coastal barrier beach inlet to promote commercial
34 and recreational uses of coastal waters and their
35 resources is a valid public purpose; requiring the
36 Department of Environmental Protection to permit such
37 activities under specified conditions; providing
38 requirements for governmental entities; defining the term
39 "reopening"; amending s.