

1 A bill to be entitled  
 2 An act relating to sovereignty submerged lands;  
 3 creating s. 253.0347, F.S.; providing for the lease of  
 4 sovereignty submerged lands for private residential  
 5 single-family docks and piers, private residential  
 6 multifamily docks and piers, and private residential  
 7 multislip docks; providing for the term of the lease  
 8 and lease fees; providing for inspection of such  
 9 docks, piers, and related structures by the Department  
 10 of Environmental Protection; clarifying the authority  
 11 of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement  
 12 Trust Fund and the department to impose additional  
 13 fees and requirements; providing an appropriation;  
 14 providing an effective date.

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

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 18 Section 1. Section 253.0347, Florida Statutes, is created  
 19 to read:

20 253.0347 Lease of sovereignty submerged lands for private  
 21 residential docks and piers.—

22 (1) The maximum initial term of a standard lease of  
 23 sovereignty submerged lands for a private residential single-  
 24 family dock or pier, private residential multifamily dock or  
 25 pier, or private residential multislip dock is 10 years. A lease  
 26 is renewable for successive terms of up to 10 years if the  
 27 parties agree and the lessee complies with all terms of the  
 28 lease and all applicable laws and rules.

29        (2) (a) A standard lease contract for sovereignty submerged  
30 lands for a private residential single-family dock or pier,  
31 private residential multifamily dock or pier, or private  
32 residential multislip dock must specify the amount of lease fees  
33 as established by the Board of Trustees of the Internal  
34 Improvement Trust Fund.

35        (b) If private residential multifamily docks or piers,  
36 private residential multislip docks, and other private  
37 residential structures pertaining to the same upland parcel  
38 include a total of no more than one wet slip for each approved  
39 upland residential unit, the lessee is not required to pay a  
40 lease fee on a preempted area of 10 square feet or less of  
41 sovereignty submerged lands for each linear foot of shoreline in  
42 which the lessee has a sufficient upland interest as determined  
43 by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

44        (c) A lessee of sovereignty submerged lands for a private  
45 residential single-family dock or pier, private residential  
46 multifamily dock or pier, or private residential multislip dock  
47 is not required to pay a lease fee on revenue derived from the  
48 transfer of fee simple or beneficial ownership of private  
49 residential property that is entitled to a homestead exemption  
50 pursuant to s. 196.031 at the time of transfer.

51        (d) A lessee of sovereignty submerged lands for a private  
52 residential single-family dock or pier, private residential  
53 multifamily dock or pier, or private residential multislip dock  
54 must pay a lease fee on any income derived from a wet slip,  
55 dock, or pier in the preempted area under lease in an amount

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56 determined by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement  
57 Trust Fund.

58 (3) The Department of Environmental Protection shall  
59 inspect each private residential single-family dock or pier,  
60 private residential multifamily dock or pier, private  
61 residential multislip dock, or other private residential  
62 structure under lease at least once every 10 years to determine  
63 compliance with the terms and conditions of the lease.

64 (4) This section does not prohibit the Board of Trustees  
65 of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund or the Department of  
66 Environmental Protection from imposing additional application  
67 fees, regulatory permitting fees, or other lease requirements as  
68 otherwise authorized by law.

69 Section 2. Beginning with the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the  
70 sum of \$1 million in recurring funds is appropriated from the  
71 General Revenue Fund to the Internal Improvement Trust Fund for  
72 purposes of administration, management, and disposition of  
73 sovereignty submerged lands.

74 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.