CS/SB 1118 — Docks

by Community Affairs Committee and Senators Altman and Fasano

The bill allows private residential single-family dock owners in aquatic preserves to build roofs over their docks, boat lifts and davits. It authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to conduct rulemaking for building small docking facilities in shellfish harvesting and recreational waters. The bill provides that minor changes and upgrades to docks and piers do not require a permit when repairing or replacing them. Further, the bill directs the DEP to maintain a list of projects or activities that satisfy mitigation or public interest requirements. The DEP is also directed to develop a project management plan for expanding online self-certification.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 113-1