



HOUSE BILL 478: Brunswick Cty/Navigable Waters

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SUMMARY: *House Bill 478 authorizes Brunswick County to regulate by ordinance the operation of boats and vessels in navigable waters within the County's jurisdictional boundaries.*

CURRENT LAW: Operation of boats and vessels in navigable waters in the State is generally subject to regulation by the North Carolina Wildlife Commission, the U.S. Coast Guard, or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, depending on the location.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 478:

- authorizes Brunswick County to adopt and enforce ordinances for the navigable waters within the County's jurisdictional boundaries that relate to the operation of boats and vessels.
- provides that if any rules or regulations of the North Carolina Wildlife Commission, the U.S. Coast Guard, or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers expressly conflict with ordinances adopted by the County under the authority granted by this act, then the State or federal rule or regulation shall prevail over the County ordinance to the extent of the conflict.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND: Similar legislation was enacted for the Town of Beaufort (S.L. 1981-710).

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