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SENATE BILL 389: Department of Environmental Quality/Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Omnibus, Sec. 2: Modernize Coastal Area Management Act Notification Requirements

Committee:	Date:	February 7, 2022
Introduced by:	Prepared by:	Kyle Evans
Analysis of:	Sec. 2 of S.L. 2021-158	Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: *Section 2 of S.L. 2021-158 removes the requirement that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) notify interested parties of major Coastal Area Management Act permit applications and modification by regular mail.*

This section became effective July 1, 2021 and applies to permit applications received on or after that date.

PRIOR LAW/BILL ANALYSIS:

Prior to the enactment of S.L. 2021-158, when DEQ received an application for a major development in an area of environmental concern, a significant modification to an application, or an application to modify substantially a previously issued major permit, the Coastal Area Management Act required that DEQ provide public notice of the proposed development: (i) by mailing a copy of the application to all interested citizens, groups, or State agencies, (ii) by posting a notice at the location of the proposed development, and (iii) by publishing notice of the application in a newspaper of general circulation in the relevant county or counties.

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