



2023-2024 General Assembly

# HOUSE BILL 600: Regulatory Reform Act of 2023, Sec. 10.5: Prohibit Dredging Moratorium Periods Not Otherwise Required by Federal Law

**Committee:**  
**Introduced by:**  
**Analysis of:** Sec. 10.5 of S.L. 2023-137

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*OVERVIEW: Section 10.5 of S.L. 2023-137 prohibits the Department of Environmental Quality, with respect to permits issued for dredging activities under the Coastal Area Management Act, from including any condition that restricts dredging activities to a specified timeframe, except those timeframes, or moratorium periods, that are required pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act, regulations promulgated thereunder, or other applicable federal law.*

*This bill was vetoed by the Governor on October 2, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on October 10, 2023. This section became effective on October 10, 2023.*

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Director



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