



2025-2026 General Assembly

SENATE BILL 257: 2026 Appropriations Act, Sec. 12.20: Extend Shellfish Lease Moratorium in the New Hanover County Area

Analysis of: S.L. 2026-41, Sec. 12.20

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Section 12.20 of S.L. 2026-41 (Senate Bill 257) extends the moratorium on new shellfish cultivation leases and new water column leases for aquaculture for the New Hanover County area until July 1, 2028.

This section became effective June 30, 2026.

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