

By: Taylor

H.B. No. 932

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to structures on coastal public land.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 33.115, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 33.115. PIERS. (a) Without obtaining an easement from the board, the owner of littoral property may construct a pier on adjacent coastal public land if the pier ~~[which]~~:

(1) is not used for ~~[may be used for any purpose except]~~ commercial purposes;

(2) is 115 feet or less in length and 25 feet or less in width; and

(3) requires no filling or dredging.

(b) In addition to the provisions of Subsection (a), the board may adopt rules with limitations and requirements that are consistent with the policies stated in Section 33.001 of this code that allow an owner of littoral property to construct a pier with associated appurtenances on adjacent coastal public land without first obtaining an easement from the board.

(c) The location and dimensions of the pier and description of any associated appurtenances must be registered with the board in the manner provided in this chapter.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.