

1-1 By: Taylor (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.B. No. 932
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 29, 2005;
1-3 March 30, 2005, read first time and referred to Subcommittee on
1-4 Agriculture and Coastal Resources; April 14, 2005, reported
1-5 favorably to Committee on Natural Resources; April 22, 2005,
1-6 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0;
1-7 April 22, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to structures on coastal public land.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 33.115, Natural Resources Code, is
1-13 amended to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 33.115. PIERS. (a) Without obtaining an easement from
1-15 the board, the owner of littoral property may construct a pier on
1-16 adjacent coastal public land if the pier [which]:

1-17 (1) is not used for [~~may be used for any purpose~~
1-18 ~~except~~] commercial purposes;

1-19 (2) is 115 feet or less in length and 25 feet or less in
1-20 width; and

1-21 (3) requires no filling or dredging.

1-22 (b) In addition to the provisions of Subsection (a), the
1-23 board may adopt rules with limitations and requirements that are
1-24 consistent with the policies stated in Section 33.001 of this code
1-25 that allow an owner of littoral property to construct a pier with
1-26 associated appurtenances on adjacent coastal public land without
1-27 first obtaining an easement from the board.

1-28 (c) The location and dimensions of the pier and description
1-29 of any associated appurtenances must be registered with the board
1-30 in the manner provided in this chapter.

1-31 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-32 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-33 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-34 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-35 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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