



## Coastal property insurance bill introduced

Coastal senators introduced legislation yesterday aiming to make coastal insurance more equitable by requiring information about wind and hail damage publicly available and by creating the North Carolina Recovery Finance Authority to help cover loss-related liabilities. SB 284, [Property Insurance Fairness](#), was filed by Senators Harry Brown, Bill Cook and Bill Rabon, all of whom represent coastal counties. Similar legislation was filed in the House last year but did not pass the Senate.

The Senate also voted to approve SB 131, a comprehensive regulatory reform bill that includes measures on temporary erosion control structures and stormwater management. The bill will now go to the House for consideration.

Last week's legislative breakfast by the NC Beach, Inlet & Waterway Association included a presentation on the Beach and Inlet Management Plan. There was a good response of support from the legislators in attendance. Efforts are under way to get a BIMP presentation before the House and Senate Environment Committees.

### BILL HIGHLIGHTS – LEGISLATION OF INTEREST

[HB 20](#): School Calendar Flexibility/Alamance County. Authorizes Alamance-Burlington Schools to set the school calendar for their local school district. Referred 1/26/17 to House Education K-12 Committee.

[HB 93](#): School Calendar Flexibility/Certain School Systems. Allows Duplin County Schools, Sampson County Schools, and Wayne County Schools to set their own school calendars. Referred 2/15/17 to House Education K-12 Committee.

[HB 158](#): Special Assessments/Critical Infrastructure. Passed the House 109-8 on 3/1/17. Referred 3/2/17 to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate.

[HB 211](#): Increase Sampson County Occupancy Tax Authority. Authorizes the county to levy an additional room occupancy tax of up to 3% of the gross receipts derived from the rental of accommodations. Referred 3/2/17 to the House Committee on Local Government II, with serial referral to House Finance.

[SB 131](#): Regulatory Reform Act of 2016. Includes several measures intended to reduce regulations, including removing the requirement that counties notify the Coastal Resources Commission of their intent to adopt land-use plans or have the CRC prepare and approve such plans if the counties do not, and allowing the Coastal Resources Commission to adopt an emergency rule for the use of temporary erosion control structures. Passed the Senate 38-11 on 3/15/17.

[SJR 205](#): Resolution to Allow SAV Oyster Leasing. Calls for revisions to the U.S. Army Corps policies in order to allow for shellfish cultivation and aquaculture activities in NC waters containing submerged aquatic vegetation. Referred 3/8/17 to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate.

[SB 284](#): Property Insurance Fairness. Requires that certain property insurance data be made available to the public; creates the NC Recovery Finance Authority and gives the NC Insurance Underwriting Association the authority to have issued tax-exempt bonds to cover loss-related liabilities; and removes obsolete references to the Coastal Property Insurance Pool. Filed 3/16/17.