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SENATE BILL 1480

Short Title: Adopt-A-Beach.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Perdue.

Referred to: Appropriations.

June 3, 1996

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ADOPT-A-BEACH PROGRAM.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 Section 1. Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
5 Article to read:

6 **"ARTICLE 69.**
7 **"ADOPT-A-BEACH PROGRAM.**

8 **"§ 143-660. Definitions.**

9 The following definitions apply in this Article:

- 10 (1) Department. – The Department of Environment, Health, and Natural
11 Resources.
12 (2) Program. – Adopt-A-Beach Program established by this Article.
13 (3) Trash. – Debris not natural to the coastal environment such as plastic
14 bags, aluminum, glass, and paper products. The term does not include
15 indigenous materials such as driftwood and seaweed.

16 **"§ 143-661. Adopt-A-Beach Program; established; purposes.**

17 The Adopt-A-Beach Program is established within the Department of Environment,
18 Health, and Natural Resources. The purpose of the Program is twofold: (i) to educate
19 citizens and make them more aware of the need to keep the State's coastline clean and
20 free of trash, and (ii) to generate data on the volume and contents of beach pollution.

1 **"§ 143-662. Adopt-A-Beach Program; pilot program; expansion of program.**

2 Initially, the Department shall select five improved ocean accesses and two sound-
3 side accesses to be cleaned up and maintained on a monthly basis. Each access shall be
4 assigned by the Department to an organization or business applying to the Department to
5 participate in the Program. Participants in the Program shall be recognized at their
6 selected access by the placement of an 8" x10" sign bearing the Adopt-A-Beach Program
7 name, sponsor, and participant. The Program shall be expanded to accommodate
8 increased participation as appropriate.

9 **"§ 143-663. Rule-making authority.**

10 The Department may adopt rules to implement this Article."

11 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund for the 1996-97 fiscal
12 year the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to the Department of Environment,
13 Health, and Natural Resources to implement this act.

14 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1996.