

House Bill 68 (FLOOR SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representative Barnard of the 166<sup>th</sup> and Smith of the 70th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-5-295 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 applicability of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act, so as to provide an exemption for a  
3 single private dock built by the owners of certain adjoining lots; to repeal conflicting laws;  
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 12-5-295 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to applicability  
8 of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act, is amended by striking the word "or" at the end  
9 of paragraph (7) and by adding immediately following paragraph (7) a new paragraph as  
10 follows:

11 "(7.1) The building of a single private dock by the owners of up to four adjoining lots,  
12 each of which is riparian and would qualify for an exemption as provided in paragraph  
13 (7) of this Code section, for the exclusive noncommercial use of such owners or their  
14 invitees and constructed as a single walkway on pilings above the marsh grass not  
15 obstructing tidal flow and in a size to be determined by the department taking into  
16 consideration the number of adjoining lots utilizing the dock; or"

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.