

House Bill 964 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Day of the 163rd, Keen of the 179th, Gardner of the 57th, and Carter of the 159th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 52-7-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 boating safety zones, so as to modify certain provisions relating to boating safety zones; to
3 provide for boating safety zones for the protection of United States naval vessels; to
4 designate certain boating safety zones in Georgia ports; to provide for an exception; to
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 52-7-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to boating safety
9 zones, is amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) to read as follows:

10 "(3) The following are established as boating safety zones for the purpose of ensuring
11 maritime and homeland security:

12 (A) All those waters within the Elba Island liquified natural gas mooring slip; provided,
13 however, that liquefied natural gas tank ships and authorized vessels actively engaged in
14 the escort, maneuvering, or support of such ships shall be permitted in such zone;

15 (B) The area within 100 yards of any United States navy vessel; and

16 (C) The area within 100 yards of any vessel escorted to, from, or within any port of this
17 state by a law enforcement vessel displaying applicable law enforcement agency
18 markings, whether such escorted vessel is in motion or anchored or moored."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.