

The House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment offers the following substitute to HB 1359:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-7-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to best
2 management practices and minimum requirements for rules, regulations, ordinances, or
3 resolutions, so as to provide an exception for a required buffer along state waters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 12-7-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to best management
8 practices and minimum requirements for rules, regulations, ordinances, or resolutions, is
9 amended by striking the word "or" at the end of division (b)(15)(A)(iv), by striking the
10 period and inserting "; or" at the end of subdivision (b)(15)(A)(v)(IV), and by adding a new
11 division to read as follows:

12 "(vi) Where shoreline stabilization is installed; provided, however, that this exception
13 shall be limited to the construction of bulkheads and sea walls only to the extent
14 required to prevent the erosion of the shoreline into a lake operated by the United
15 States Army Corps of Engineers or a utility regulated by the Federal Energy
16 Regulatory Commission. This exception shall be limited to the duration of such
17 construction."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.