

Senate Bill 135

By: Senator James of the 28th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to general provisions regarding parks, historic areas, memorials, and recreation, so  
3 as to restrict development of residential structures on certain coastal islands; to provide for  
4 a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Coastal Island Preservation Act."

8 **SECTION 2.**

9 Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
10 general provisions regarding parks, historic areas, memorials, and recreation, is amended by  
11 adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "12-3-13.

13 In furtherance of the protection of the cultural heritage and preservation of the natural  
14 resources, environment, and vital areas of this state, on the coastal islands of this state that  
15 are not accessible by bridge, it shall be unlawful for any person to construct, assemble, or

16 otherwise erect any new single-family residential structure exceeding the square footage  
17 of the largest such structure existing on any such island as of July 11, 1995."

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.