

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 145

BY SENATOR MCMATH

WATER/WATERWAYS. Provides relative to construction of bulkheads on certain water bodies in St. Tammany Parish. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 41:1706(C) and R.S. 49:214.30(I), relative to the issuance of permits for construction in certain water bodies in St. Tammany Parish; to prohibit the issuance of Class B Permits and coastal use permits for certain construction; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 41:1706(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1706. Classes of permits

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C. From March 17, 2025, to January 1, 2030, no Class B Permits shall be issued for the construction of a bulkhead in St. Tammany Parish within the area defined by the following coordinates: beginning at 30°25'16.3"N 90°06'51.4"W; proceeding east to 30°25'16.1"N 90°06'45.5"W; then south to 30°25'08.8"N 90°06'46.1"W; then west to 30°25'06.6"N 90°07'04.7"W; then north to 30°25'11.6"N 90°07'04.9"W; then east to 30°25'12.3"N 90°06'51.3"W; and finally north to the point of beginning. This restriction applies to all water

bodies within this area, including those locally known as Lake Emfred and Suter Slip.

Section 2. R.S. 49:214.30(I) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§214.30. Coastal use permits

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I. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, from March 17, 2025, to January 1, 2030, neither the secretary nor the approved local program for St. Tammany Parish shall issue a coastal use permit for the purpose of constructing a bulkhead in St. Tammany Parish within the area defined by the following coordinates: beginning at 30°25'16.3"N 90°06'51.4"W; proceeding east to 30°25'16.1"N 90°06'45.5"W; then south to 30°25'08.8"N 90°06'46.1"W; then west to 30°25'06.6"N 90°07'04.7"W; then north to 30°25'11.6"N 90°07'04.9"W; then east to 30°25'12.3"N 90°06'51.3"W; and finally north to the point of beginning. This restriction applies to all water bodies within this area, including those locally known as Lake Emfred and Suter Slip.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

SB 145 Engrossed

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Proposed law prohibits the issuance of Class B Permits from March 17, 2025, to January 1, 2030, for bulkhead construction in St. Tammany within a defined area that includes Lake Emfred and Suter Slip.

Proposed law prohibits the issuance of coastal use permits from March 17, 2025, to January 1, 2030, for bulkhead construction in the same designated area.

Effective upon signature of the governor or upon lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 41:1706(C) and R.S. 49:214.30(I))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to
the original bill

1. Removes describing the water body as a distributary of the Tchefuncte River.