



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5689**

LCO No. 4565



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MANUAL FOR THE SAFE CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL PIERS AND DOCKS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of  
2 Energy and Environmental Protection, within available resources, shall  
3 develop a guidance manual for the design and construction of  
4 recreational docks and piers. Such manual shall include, but not be  
5 limited to, resilience criteria and standards for such docks and piers  
6 that are intended to prevent or minimize future hazards to life and  
7 property within the coastal jurisdictional boundary. In developing  
8 such criteria and standards, the commissioner shall consider the effect  
9 of severe weather events and evaluate the use of nonfouling plastic  
10 lumber for such construction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To better provide for safe residential docks and piers in the state.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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