

HB181 ENGROSSED



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2 RBQCRMY-2

3 By Representatives Marques, Givens, Fidler, Holk-Jones,
4 Simpson, Brown, Wilcox, Sorrells, Easterbrook, Bracy, Jones,
5 Clarke, Shirey, Stringer

6 RFD: Ports, Waterways and Intermodal Transit

7 First Read: 13-Jan-26



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A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

9 Relating to dredging; to require persons annually
10 dredging over 1 million cubic yards of material in coastal
11 areas to cause at least 70 percent of the dredged material to
12 be beneficially used, subject to exceptions.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

14 Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section, the
15 following terms have the following meanings:

16 (1) BENEFICIALLY USED. The productive and positive use
17 of dredged material, including fish and wildlife habitat
18 development, human recreation, and industrial and commercial
19 uses. The term does not include the deposition of dredged
20 material into public waters unless that deposition is part of
21 a shoreline restoration or marsh creation project.

22 (2) LIVING SHORELINE. The term as defined in Section
23 9-7-13.1, Code of Alabama 1975.

24 (3) MARSH CREATION. The deposition of dredged material
25 or natural or artificial material into public waters to
26 establish a wetland, island, or marsh habitat on that site.

27 (4) PUBLIC WATERS. The term as defined in Section
28 9-11-80, Code of Alabama 1975.



36 (b) This section shall apply only in coastal areas.

37 (c) Any person that dredges more than one million cubic
38 yards of material in a year shall cause at least 70 percent of
39 the dredged material to be beneficially used. No funds
40 appropriated from the State General Fund to a person shall be
41 used for expenses incurred by the person to comply with the
42 requirements of this section.

43 (d) The Alabama Department of Environmental Management
44 and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural
45 Resources shall adopt rules to implement this section,
46 including revising the Alabama Coastal Area Management Program
47 as necessary.

48 (e) A person shall not be required to comply with
49 subsection (c):



57 states that this section shall not be in effect. Such an order
58 or proclamation shall provide a date on which the order shall
59 be terminated and no longer in effect.

60 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
61 1, 2026.



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House of Representatives

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66 to the House of Representatives
67 committee on Ports, Waterways and
68 Intermodal Transit
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71 on the calendar:
72 2 amendments
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75 as amended
76 Yeas 97
77 Nays 0
78 Abstains 6
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81 John Treadwell
82 Clerk
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