

## House Bill 516

By: Representatives Spencer of the 180<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 167<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Hogan of the 179<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup>, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-5-288 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 restrictions on granting permits under the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act of 1970, size  
3 restrictions, and activities and structures considered contrary to the public interest, so as to  
4 increase the number of days for occupying a live-aboard vessel during a calendar year; to  
5 provide for extensions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 12-5-288 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restrictions on  
10 granting permits under the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act of 1970, size restrictions, and  
11 activities and structures considered contrary to the public interest, is amended by revising  
12 paragraph (8) of subsection (b) as follows:

13 "(8) Occupying a live-aboard for more than ~~90~~ 120 days during any calendar year;  
14 provided, however, that the commissioner may grant extensions of time beyond ~~90~~ 120  
15 days to persons making a request in writing stating the reasons for such extension; and  
16 provided, further, that the Governor may grant an extension upon issuing a proclamation  
17 for the purposes of recognizing and accommodating special events and occasions which  
18 promote coastal economic development and tourism. Owners of docks where  
19 live-aboards are moored as well as owners and occupants of live-aboards are responsible  
20 under this part."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.