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Bill Number: H. 4843 Introduced on January 16, 2024
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Subject: Wetlands
Requestor: House Labor, Commerce, and Industry
RFA Analyst(s): Griffith
Impact Date: February 26, 2024

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill allows a business with a deck, dock, or other structure located in a critical area to use the structure for purposes directly related to the operation of the business with local zoning approval. Critical area permitting is currently regulated by the Department of Health and Environmental Control’s (DHEC) Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), which will be under the authority of the future Department of Environmental Services (DES) beginning July 1, 2024. This bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on DHEC or DES since DHEC does not anticipate that the bill necessitates additional permitting or inspections of businesses with structures located in critical areas.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 16, 2024

State Expenditure

This bill allows a business with a deck, dock, or other structure located in a critical area to use the structure for purposes directly related to the operation of the business provided a plan for utilization is submitted and approved by the local zoning board that has jurisdiction where the business is located. Critical area permitting is currently regulated by DHEC’s OCRM, which will be under the authority of the future DES beginning July 1, 2024. DHEC does not anticipate any additional permitting or inspections will be necessary due to the bill. Therefore, the bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on DHEC or DES.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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