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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Introduced By: Senators P Fogarty, Sosnowski, Cool Rumsey, Kettle, and Felag

Date Introduced: March 05, 2014

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 42-17.1-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-17.1 entitled "Department of Environmental Management" is hereby amended to read as follows:

42-17.1-8. Designation and assignment of functions. -- Whenever the duties of the head of any existing department, division, board, commission, or other agency or of any other officer are prescribed by law, and the duties of such person have been or shall in the future be transferred to the department of environmental management under this chapter, the director of the department of environmental management may designate some officer or other subordinate within his or her department to perform such duties; provided, however, that any other provision of this chapter notwithstanding, the functions, powers and duties of the chief of the division of parks and recreation as set forth in title 32, entitled "Parks and Recreational Areas," as amended, in chapter 22.5 of title 23, entitled "Drowning Prevention and Lifesaving," as amended, and in any other general or public law, and the functions, powers, and duties of the chief of the division of harbors and rivers as set forth in title 46, entitled "Waters and Navigation," as amended, and in any other general or public law, shall not be diminished; provided further, however, that all planning and law enforcement functions, powers, duties, and personnel shall be transferred to the divisions established by sections 42-17.1-4(E) and 42-17.1-4(F) of this chapter. Provided, oversight of and over all freshwater lakes, streams, and ponds within the state shall be with a newly created position within the water resources division.
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
This act would create a new position within the water resources division of DEM which would have oversight over all freshwater lakes, streams, and ponds within the state. This act would take effect upon passage.