

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH30253-LBx-270 (3/15)

Short Title: Oak Island Beach Nourishment Projects.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative Stiller.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF OAK ISLAND TO LEVY SPECIAL
3 ASSESSMENTS TO MEET THE COST OF THE LOCAL SHARE OF
4 CONSTRUCTING BEACH NOURISHMENT PROJECTS PRIOR TO THE
5 CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECTS.

6 Whereas, the Town of Oak Island has a need to construct beach nourishment
7 projects for the health, safety, and welfare of the Oak Island community; and

8 Whereas, the Town does not have the funds on hand needed to build the
9 beach nourishment projects; and

10 Whereas, the Town has determined that the only way to construct the projects
11 in a proper and timely manner is to require that property owners meet their special
12 assessment obligations prior to construction; Now, therefore,
13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

14 **SECTION 1.** The Town Council of the Town of Oak Island may levy
15 special assessments to meet the estimated costs of beach nourishment projects at least
16 30 days following the initiation of the assessment process.

17 **SECTION 2.** The Town Council of the Town of Oak Island may give
18 owners of assessed property the option of paying the assessment either in cash or in
19 installments, but the period over which the installments are paid shall not exceed four
20 years from the date the assessment roll is confirmed. Any portion of an assessment that
21 is not paid within 30 days after publication of the notice that the assessment roll has
22 been confirmed shall bear interest until paid at a rate to be fixed in the assessment
23 resolution but not more than eight percent (8%) per annum.

24 **SECTION 3.** In the event the execution of a contract (or contracts) covering
25 the proposed work is not forthcoming within four years from the date the assessment
26 roll is confirmed, all assessments for the purpose of meeting the cost of constructing
27 beach nourishment projects paid to the Town of Oak Island shall be returned to each

1 payee within 30 days along with interest at a rate not less than six percent (6%) per
2 annum for the period each assessment payment is held by the Town; however, interest
3 shall be paid on no assessment funds for a period in excess of 90 days.

4 **SECTION 4.** All assessment funds received by the Town may be deposited
5 in a special interest-bearing account, and any interest earned and retained by the Town
6 shall be used to offset expenses incurred with regard to the proposed beach nourishment
7 projects.

8 **SECTION 5.** In levying the special assessments, the Town Council shall
9 follow, insofar as practicable, the procedures set forth in Article 10 of Chapter 160A of
10 the General Statutes.

11 **SECTION 6.** When the construction of the beach nourishment projects is
12 complete, the Town Council shall ascertain the total cost as provided in
13 G.S. 160-A-226. If the total cost is greater than the estimated cost, the Town Council
14 may levy special assessments to collect the difference on the same basis as the first
15 special assessments were made. The provisions of Section 2 of this act shall apply to
16 the paying of special assessments levied under this section.

17 **SECTION 7.** This act is effective when it becomes law.