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Committee approves bill to merge marina and shoreline commissions

Bill would create new Lake Michigan Marina and Shoreline Development Commission

INDIANAPOLIS— On Monday the Senate Committee on Natural Resources unanimously approved Senate Bill 339. Authored by State Sen. Tallian (D-Portage), the initiative would create a new entity known as the Lake Michigan Marina and Shoreline Development Commission by merging the existing Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission and the Shoreline Development Commission. The bill is now eligible for consideration by the full Senate.

“Merging these commissions would allow the issues and concerns that come before both groups to be handled at the same time,” said Tallian on Monday. “Developing the lakeshore, while maintaining the area’s environmental stability, is a great concern of mine.”

SB 339 would establish the Lake Michigan Marina and Shoreline Development Commission with the same duties specified for the two predecessor commissions. The combination of these two commissions into a single body would potentially reduce the costs and streamline coordination of shared duties.

The Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission studies various plans concerning marina development on the stretch of land in Indiana bordering Lake Michigan and its tributaries. It recommends state and local legislation for development of marinas and oversees the implementation of approved plans and legislation. The Shoreline Development Commission coordinates the plans of development and redevelopment within this corridor, but has not been appointed for several years.

If approved, the new Lake Michigan Marina and Shoreline Development Commission would take over the duties of the predecessor commissions effective July 1, 2010.

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