



Senate Bill No. 59

Special Act No. 25-17

AN ACT REQUIRING A PLAN FOR BENEFICIAL USE DREDGING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 1, 2027, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall develop a plan for beneficial use dredging that identifies: (1) Navigable channels, marinas, port facilities and other potential sources of suitable dredged sediment, (2) wetlands that may be best suited for the receipt of such dredged sediment, and (3) technical and regulatory guidance for wetland restoration using such dredged sediment. Not later than February 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall submit such plan to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment.

Governor's Action:
Approved July 8, 2025