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Before the Senate Committee on  
WAYS AND MEANS

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In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 2259, HOUSE DRAFT 1, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO MARINE EVENT PERMITS

House Bill 2259, House Draft, Senate Draft 1 proposes to (1) Allow the submission of permit applications for regattas, marine parades, or surfing contests to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) one year before a proposed event; (2) Require the Department to approve or deny permits within 30 days of receiving a completed application; (3) Provide the applicant with exclusive use of waters that have been specifically designated for use during the marine event; (4) Allow the Department to collect a fee if the applicant who was granted a permit cancels the event with ninety or fewer days' notice; and (5) Direct the Department to adopt rules to mitigate hazards posed by vessels, thrill craft, drones, and other means used by spectators to observe events held in the waters of the State. **The Department supports this measure.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.