

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 1094 Vessels/Clean Ocean Act by Senator Haridopolos

Requires that owners or operators of gambling vessels operating in coastal waters register with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) prior to entering the coastal waters of the state. Requires waterfront-landing facilities to establish procedures for the release of waste from gambling vessels berthed at the facilities. Requires owners or operators of gambling vessels to report a release of waste into coastal waters to the DEP within 24 hours. Provides for civil penalties of not more than \$50,000 for each violation. Provides that the DEP collect fees to cover the costs of gambling vessel registration, tracking of releases, and compliance and enforcement responsibilities. Requires that the DEP request appropriate federal agencies to prohibit the release of waste from a gambling vessel within federal territorial waters off the shores of this state. (See bill for details)