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SENATE BILL **168**

AN ACT relative to the duties of the commissioner of the department of environmental services.

SPONSORS: Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Prescott, Dist 23; Rep. Bush, Rock 31; Rep. Bixby, Straf 17

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the commissioner of the department of environmental services, jointly with the executive director of the fish and game department, to make recommendations concerning the lease of certain state-owned submerged lands in the Great Bay estuary.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 32:1 New Section; Shellfish Protection; Lease of State-Owned Land for Shellfish Restoration.

2 Amend RSA 487 by inserting after section 37 the following new section:

3 487:37-a Lease of State-Owned Land for Shellfish Restoration.

4 I. The commissioner, jointly with the executive director of the fish and game department,
5 shall make recommendations pursuant to RSA 4:40 concerning the leasing of state-owned submerged
6 lands in the Great Bay estuary for the purpose of shellfish restoration.

7 II. Leases granted under this section shall be for noncommercial shellfish restoration
8 purposes only, in areas where restoration will not unduly interfere with existing or anticipated
9 commercial or recreational activities.

10 III. The executive director of the fish and game department, jointly with the commissioner,
11 shall determine the terms of any such lease, including the amount of acreage and duration.

12 IV. No fee shall be charged for any lease granted under this section.

13 V. Any person seeking a lease under this section shall obtain a permit under RSA 482-A:3.

14 32:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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16 Approved: May 7, 2105

17 Effective Date: July 6, 2015