

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

CS/CS/HB 437 — Anchoring Limitation Areas

by Infrastructure Strategies Committee; Agriculture, Conservation & Resiliency Subcommittee; and Rep. Porras and others (CS/CS/SB 192 by Rules Committee; Environment and Natural Resources Committee; and Senator Garcia)

The bill expands the sections of Biscayne Bay that are designated as anchoring limitation areas. It adds anchoring limitation areas in the sections of Biscayne Bay within Miami-Dade County lying between Palm Island and State Road A1A and between San Marino Island and Di Lido Island.

The bill specifies that documentation used to prove that a vessel has not exceeded the limits of county-established anchoring limitation areas must show the vessel at least one *nautical* mile away within a certain period. The bill allows navigational or tracking devices to be used for electronic evidence of a vessel's location if the devices are permanently affixed to the vessel.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 105-2