By Senator Aronberg

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1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to local regulation of vessels;

3   amending s. 327.60, F.S.; prohibiting certain

4   ordinances or local laws relating to the operation and

5   equipment of vessels from discriminating against

6   airboats except by a unanimous rather than two-thirds

7   vote of the governing body enacting such ordinance;

8   providing an effective date.

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10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12   Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 327.60, Florida

13   Statutes, is amended to read:

14   327.60 Local regulations; limitations.—

15   (1) The provisions of ss. 327.01, 327.02, 327.30-327.40,

16   327.44-327.50, 327.54, 327.56, 327.65, 328.40-328.48, 328.52-

17   328.58, 328.62, and 328.64 shall govern the operation,

18   equipment, and all other matters relating thereto whenever any

19   vessel shall be operated upon the waterways or when any activity

20   regulated hereby shall take place thereon. Nothing in these

21   sections shall be construed to prevent the adoption of any

22   ordinance or local law relating to operation and equipment of

23   vessels, except that no such ordinance or local law may apply to

24   the Florida Intracoastal Waterway and except that such

25   ordinances or local laws shall be operative only when they are

26   not in conflict with this chapter or any amendments thereto or

27   regulations thereunder. Any ordinance or local law which has

28   been adopted pursuant to this section or to any other state law

29   may not discriminate against personal watercraft as defined in

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30 s. 327.02. Effective July 1, 2006, any ordinance or local law

31 adopted pursuant to this section or any other state law may not

32 discriminate against airboats except by a unanimous ~~two-thirds~~

33 vote of the governing body enacting such ordinance.

34   Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.