

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to airboat regulation; providing a
 3 short title; amending s. 327.391, F.S.; requiring a
 4 commercial airboat operator to have specified
 5 documents onboard the airboat while carrying
 6 passengers for hire; providing an exception; providing
 7 a penalty; providing an effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. This act may be cited as "Ellie's Law."

12 Section 2. Subsection (5) is added to section 327.391,
 13 Florida Statutes, to read:

14 327.391 Airboats regulated.—

15 (5) (a) Beginning December 31, 2018, a person may not
 16 operate an airboat to carry passengers for hire on waters of the
 17 state unless he or she has all of the following onboard the
 18 airboat:

19 1. A photographic identification card.

20 2. Proof of compliance with s. 327.395.

21 3. Proof of successful completion of a commission-approved
 22 airboat operator course that meets the minimum standards
 23 established by commission rule.

24 4. A certificate of successful course completion in
 25 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

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26 (b) A person issued a captain's license by the United
27 States Coast Guard is not required to complete the boating
28 safety education course required under s. 327.395. Proof of the
29 captain's license must be onboard the airboat when carrying
30 passengers for hire on waters of the state.

31 (c) A person who violates this subsection commits a
32 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
33 775.082 or s. 775.083.

34 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.