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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations
(Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural
Resources)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to vessel safety inspection decals;
amending s. 327.70, F.S.; providing rulemaking
authority to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
Commission regarding expiration and design of safety
inspection decals; specifying standards for such
rulemaking; providing a maximum period of validity;
specifying that decals issued on or before a specified
date are no longer valid after that date; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
327.70, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

327.70 Enforcement of this chapter and chapter 328.—
(2) (a) 1. Upon demonstrated compliance with the safety equipment
carriage and use requirements of this chapter during a safety
inspection initiated by a law enforcement officer, the operator
of a vessel shall be issued a safety inspection decal signifying
that the vessel is deemed to have met the safety equipment
carriage and use requirements of this chapter at the time and
location of such inspection. The commission may designate by
rule the timeframe for expiration of, and the specific design
for, the safety inspection decal. However, a decal may not be
valid for more than 5 years and, at a minimum, must meet the



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27 standards specified in this paragraph. All decals issued by the
28 commission on or before December 31, 2018, are no longer valid
29 after that date.

30 2. The safety inspection decal, if displayed, must be
31 located within 6 inches of the inspected vessel's properly
32 displayed vessel registration decal. For nonmotorized vessels
33 that are not required to be registered, the safety inspection
34 decal, if displayed, must be located above the waterline on the
35 forward half of the port side of the vessel.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019.