

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Tourism, Infrastructure &
2 Energy Subcommittee
3 Representative McFarland offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 327.395, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

327.395 Boating safety education.—

(4) A commission-approved boating safety education course
or temporary certificate examination developed or approved by
the commission must include components ~~a component~~ regarding:

(a) Diving vessels, awareness of divers in the water,
divers-down warning devices, and the requirements of s. 327.331.

(b) The danger associated with:

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17 1. A passenger riding on a seat back, gunwale, transom,
18 bow, motor cover, or any other vessel area not designed and
19 designated by the manufacturer for seating.

20 2. A passenger falling overboard.

21 3. Operating a vessel with a person in the water near the
22 vessel.

23 4. Starting a vessel with the engine in gear.

24 5. Leaving the vessel running when passengers are boarding
25 or disembarking.

26 (c) The proper use and lifesaving benefits of an engine
27 cutoff switch for motorboats and personal watercraft.

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29 The commission must include the components under this subsection
30 in boating safety education campaigns and in educational
31 materials produced by the commission, as appropriate.

32 Section 3. Subsection (4) is added to section 327.50,
33 Florida Statutes, to read:

34 327.50 Vessel safety regulations; equipment and lighting
35 requirements.—

36 (4) The operator of a vessel used in the instruction of a
37 water sport or activity must use an engine cutoff switch and
38 wear an operative link to the switch when people participating
39 in the water sport or activity are in the water.

40 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022

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Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
An act relating to boating and vessel safety; providing a short title; amending s. 327.395, F.S.; requiring certain boating safety education courses and temporary certificate examinations to include specified components; directing the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to include such components in boating safety education campaigns and certain educational materials; amending s. 327.50, F.S.; requiring operators of vessels used in the instruction of a water sport or activity to use an engine cutoff switch and link under certain conditions; providing an effective date.