

By Senator Martin

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to anchoring limitation areas;
3 amending s. 327.60, F.S.; restricting local regulation
4 of vessels outside the marked boundaries of mooring
5 fields in certain counties and areas of critical state
6 concern; revising exceptions; amending s. 327.4108,
7 F.S.; designating specified sections of Biscayne Bay
8 in Miami-Dade County as grandfathered-in anchoring
9 limitation areas; amending s. 327.4109, F.S.;
10 increasing the prohibited anchoring and mooring
11 distance of vessels and floating structures near
12 public mooring fields; providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section
17 327.60, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18 327.60 Local regulations; limitations.—

19 (2) This chapter and chapter 328 do not prevent the
20 adoption of any ordinance or local regulation relating to
21 operation of vessels, except that a county or municipality may
22 not enact, continue in effect, or enforce any ordinance or local
23 regulation:

24 (f) Regulating the anchoring of vessels outside the marked
25 boundaries of mooring fields permitted as provided in s. 327.40
26 in counties with populations of 1.5 million or greater or in
27 areas of critical state concern, except for:

- 28 1. Live-aboard vessels; ~~and~~
29 2. Commercial vessels, excluding commercial fishing

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30 vessels; and

31 3. Any vessel that remains anchored overnight for a period
32 of at least 4 hours any time between one-half hour after sunset
33 and one-half hour before sunrise within the jurisdiction of a
34 county for more than 30 days in a 6-month period, excluding any
35 time the vessel is anchored overnight within the boundaries of a
36 marked mooring field or any time the vessel is anchored
37 overnight for the purpose of completing permitted marine
38 construction, installation, or maintenance work;

39 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
40 327.4108, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

41 327.4108 Anchoring of vessels in anchoring limitation
42 areas.—

43 (1) The following densely populated urban areas, which have
44 narrow state waterways, residential docking facilities, and
45 significant recreational boating traffic, are designated as and
46 shall be considered to be grandfathered-in anchoring limitation
47 areas, within which a person may not anchor a vessel at any time
48 during the period between one-half hour after sunset and one-
49 half hour before sunrise, except as provided in subsections (4)
50 and (5):

51 (c) The sections of Biscayne Bay in Miami-Dade County lying
52 between:

53 1. Palm Island and State Road A1A.

54 2. Palm Island and Star Island.

55 3. Palm Island and Hibiscus Island.

56 4. Palm Island and Watson Island.

57 ~~5.2.~~ Rivo Alto Island and Di Lido Island.

58 ~~6.3.~~ San Marino Island and Di Lido Island.

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59 ~~7.4.~~ San Marino Island and San Marco Island.

60 ~~8.5.~~ San Marco Island and Biscayne Island.

61 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
62 327.4109, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

63 327.4109 Anchoring or mooring prohibited; exceptions;
64 penalties.—

65 (1)(a) The owner or operator of a vessel or floating
66 structure may not anchor or moor such that the nearest approach
67 of the anchored or moored vessel or floating structure is:

68 1. Within 150 feet of any public or private marina, boat
69 ramp, boatyard, or other public vessel launching or loading
70 facility;

71 2. Within 500 feet of a superyacht repair facility. For
72 purposes of this subparagraph, the term "superyacht repair
73 facility" means a facility that services or repairs a yacht with
74 a water line of 120 feet or more in length; or

75 3. Within 300 ~~400~~ feet outward from the marked boundary of
76 a public mooring field or a lesser distance if approved by the
77 commission upon request of a local government within which the
78 mooring field is located. The commission may adopt rules to
79 implement this subparagraph.

80 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.