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A bill to be entitled An act relating to seaport security; creating s. 311.111, F.S.; requiring each seaport authority or governing board of a seaport that is subject to the statewide minimum seaport security standards to designate and identify security area designations, access requirements, and security enforcement authorizations on seaport premises and in seaport security plans; providing that any part of a port's property may be designated as a restricted access area under certain conditions; amending s. 311.12, F.S.; revising purpose of security plans maintained by seaports; requiring periodic plan revisions; requiring plans to be inspected by the Office of Drug Control and the Department of Law Enforcement based upon specified standards; providing requirements with respect to protection standards in specified restricted areas; requiring delivery of the plan to specified entities; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to inspect every seaport within the state to determine if all security measures adopted by the seaport are in compliance with seaport security standards; requiring a report; authorizing seaports to appeal findings in a Department of Law Enforcement inspection report; requiring the Domestic Security Oversight Council to establish a review process; providing procedures and requirements with respect to waiver of any physical facility requirement or other requirement contained in the statewide minimum standards for seaport security; providing a penalty for possession

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of a concealed weapon while on seaport property in a designated restricted area; requiring periodic review of the statewide minimum standards for seaport security to be conducted under the Office of Drug Control within the Executive Office of the Governor; requiring the Office of Drug Control to convene a Seaport Security Standards Advisory Council to review the statewide minimum standards for seaport security with respect to current narcotics and terrorism threats to Florida's seaports; providing membership, terms, organization, and meetings of the council; creating s. 311.121, F.S.; requiring the authority or governing board of each seaport that is subject to statewide minimum seaport security standards to impose specified requirements for certification as a seaport security officer; creating the Seaport Security Officer Qualification, Training, and Standards Coordinating Council under the Department of Law Enforcement; providing membership and organization of the council; providing terms of members; providing duties and authority of the council; requiring the Department of Education to develop curriculum recommendations and specifications of the council into initial and continuing education and training programs for seaport security officer certification; providing requirements and procedures with respect to such training programs; providing requirements and procedures with respect to certification as a seaport security officer; providing requirements for renewal of inactive or revoked

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certification; creating s. 311.122, F.S.; authorizing each seaport in the state to create a seaport law enforcement agency for its facility; providing requirements of an agency; requiring certification of an agency; providing requirements with respect to the composition of agency personnel; providing powers of seaport law enforcement agency officers and seaport security officers; creating s. 311.123, F.S.; providing for the creation of a maritime domain security awareness training program; providing purpose of the program; providing program training curriculum requirements; creating s. 311.124, F.S.; providing authority of seaport security officers to detain persons suspected of trespassing in a designated restricted area of a seaport; providing immunity from specified criminal or civil liability; creating s. 817.021, F.S.; providing a criminal penalty for willfully and knowingly providing false information in obtaining or attempting to obtain a seaport security identification card; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Section 311.111, Florida Statutes is created to read:

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311.111 Security area designations; access requirements; authority.--Each seaport authority or governing board of a seaport identified in s. 311.09 that is subject to the statewide minimum seaport security standards in s. 311.12 shall clearly

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designate in seaport security plans and clearly identify with appropriate signs and markers on the premises of a seaport the following security area designations, access requirements, and corresponding security enforcement authorizations, which may include, but not be limited to, clear notice of the prohibition on possession of concealed weapons and other contraband material on the premises of the seaport:

- (1) UNRESTRICTED PUBLIC ACCESS AREA.--An unrestricted public access area of a seaport is open to the general public without a seaport identification card other than that required as a condition of employment by a seaport director.
- (2) RESTRICTED PUBLIC ACCESS AREA.--A restricted public access area of a seaport is open to the public for a specific purpose via restricted access and open to individuals working on the seaport, seaport employees, or guests who have business with the seaport. Any person found in these areas without the proper level of identification card is subject to the trespass provisions of ss. 810.08 and 810.09 and this chapter. All persons and objects in these areas are subject to search by an on-duty sworn state-certified law enforcement officer, a Class D seaport officer certified under Maritime Transportation Security Act guidelines, or an employee of the seaport security force certified under the Maritime Transportation Security Act quidelines.
- (3) RESTRICTED ACCESS AREA.--A restricted access area of a seaport is open only to individuals working on the seaport, seaport employees, or guests who have business with the seaport. Any person found in these areas without the proper level of

identification card is subject to the trespass provisions of ss. 810.08 and 810.09 and this chapter. All persons and objects in these areas are subject to search by an on-duty sworn statecertified law enforcement officer, a Class D seaport officer certified under Maritime Transportation Security Act guidelines, or an employee of the seaport security force certified under the Maritime Transportation Security Act quidelines. (4) SECURED RESTRICTED ACCESS AREA. -- A secured restricted access area of a seaport is open only to individuals working on the seaport, seaport employees, or guests who have business with the seaport and is secured at each point of access at all times by a Class D security guard certified under the Maritime Transportation Security Act, a sworn state-certified law enforcement officer, or an employee of the port's security force certified under the Maritime Transportation Security Act. Any person found in these areas without the proper level of identification card is subject to the trespass provisions of ss. 810.08 and 810.09 and this chapter. All persons and objects in these areas are subject to search by an on-duty Class D seaport security officer certified under Maritime Transportation Security Act quidelines, a sworn state-certified law enforcement

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During a period of high terrorist threat level designated by the
United States Department of Homeland Security or the Florida

Department of Law Enforcement or during an emergency declared by
the seaport security director of a port due to events applicable

officer, or an employee of the seaport security force certified

under the Maritime Transportation Security Act guidelines.

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to that particular port, the management or controlling authority of the port may temporarily designate any part of the port property as a restricted access area or a secured restricted access area. The duration of such designation is limited to the period in which the high terrorist threat level is in effect or port emergency exists. Subsections (3) and (4) do not limit the power of the managing or controlling authority of a seaport to designate any port property as a restricted access area or a secured restricted access area as otherwise provided by law.

Section 2. Subsection (2) and paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 311.12, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (7) and (8) are added to that section, to read:

311.12 Seaport security standards; inspections; compliance; appeals.--

(2) (a) Each seaport identified in s. 311.09 shall maintain a security plan to provide for a secure seaport infrastructure specific to that seaport that shall promote the safety and security of the residents and visitors of the state and promote the flow of legitimate trade and travel. Commencing January 1, 2007, and every 5 years thereafter, the seaport director of each seaport, with the assistance of the Regional Domestic Security Task Force and in conjunction with the United States Coast Guard, shall revise the seaport security plan based on the results of continual, quarterly assessments by the seaport director of security risks and possible risks related to terrorist activities and relating to the specific and identifiable needs of the seaport which assures that the seaport

is in substantial compliance with the statewide minimum standards established pursuant to subsection (1).

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- (b) Each plan adopted or revised pursuant to this subsection shall be inspected must be reviewed and approved by the Office of Drug Control and the Department of Law Enforcement based solely upon the standards as set forth under the Maritime Transportation Security Act as revised July 2003, 33 C.F.R. s. 105.305, and the statewide minimum standards established pursuant to subsection (1). All such seaports shall allow unimpeded access by the Department of Law Enforcement to the affected facilities for purposes of plan or compliance inspections or other operations authorized by this section.
- Each seaport security plan shall may establish unrestricted and restricted access areas within the seaport consistent with the requirements of the statewide minimum standards and the provisions of s. 311.111. In such cases, a Uniform Port Access Credential Card, authorizing restricted-area access, shall be required for any individual working within or authorized to regularly enter a restricted access area and the requirements in subsection (3) relating to criminal history checks and employment restrictions shall be applicable only to employees or other persons working within or authorized to regularly enter a restricted access area. Every seaport security plan shall set forth the conditions and restrictions to be imposed upon others visiting the port or any restricted access area sufficient to provide substantial compliance with the statewide minimum standards. As determined by the seaport director's most current quarterly risk assessment report, any

restricted access area with a potential human occupancy of 50 persons or more, any cruise terminal, or any business operation that is adjacent to an unrestricted public access area shall be protected from the most probable and creditable terrorist threat to human life by the use of like or similar standards as those set forth in the United States Department of Defense Minimum Antiterrorism Standard for Buildings, Unified Facilities Criteria 4-010-0.

- (d) Within 30 days after the completion of the seaport's security plan inspection by the Department of Law Enforcement, it shall be delivered to the United States Coast Guard, Regional Domestic Security Task Force, and the Domestic Security Oversight Council.
- (e) It is the intent of the Legislature that Florida's seaports adhere to security practices that are consistent with risks assigned to each seaport through the risk assessment process established in this section. Therefore, the Department of Law Enforcement shall inspect every seaport within the state to determine if all security measures adopted by the seaport are in compliance with the standards set forth in this chapter and shall submit the department's findings within 30 days after the inspection in a report to the Domestic Security Oversight Council and the United States Coast Guard for review, with requests to the Coast Guard for any necessary punitive action.
- (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 120, a seaport may appeal to the Domestic Security Oversight Council for review and mediation the findings in any Department of Law Enforcement inspection report as they relate to the requirements

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of this section. The Domestic Security Oversight Council shall establish a review process and may review only those findings under this section that are in specific dispute by the seaport. In reviewing the disputed findings, the council may concur in the findings of the department or the seaport or may recommend corrective action to the seaport. Findings of the council shall be considered final.

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The Office of Drug Control and the executive director (b) of the Department of Law Enforcement may modify or waive any physical facility requirement or other requirement contained in the statewide minimum standards for seaport security upon a finding or other determination that the purposes of the standards have been reasonably met or exceeded by the seaport requesting the modification or waiver. Alternate means of compliance may not in any way diminish the safety or security of the seaport and shall be verified through an extensive risk analysis conducted by the port director. Waivers shall be submitted in writing with supporting documentation to the Office of Drug Control and the Department of Law Enforcement. The Office of Drug Control and the Department of Law Enforcement shall have 90 days to jointly grant the waiver or reject the waiver in whole or in part. Waivers not granted within 90 days or jointly rejected shall be submitted by the seaport to the Domestic Security Oversight Council for consideration. The Domestic Security Oversight Council shall grant the waiver or reject the waiver in whole or in part. The decision of the Domestic Security Oversight Council shall be considered final.

Waivers submitted for standards established under s. 311.122(3) may not be granted for percentages below 10 percent. Such modifications or waivers shall be noted in the annual report submitted by the Department of Law Enforcement pursuant to this subsection.

- (7) Any person who has in his or her possession a concealed weapon, or who operates or has possession or control of a vehicle in or upon which a concealed weapon is placed or stored, while in a designated restricted area on seaport property commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. This subsection does not apply to active-duty certified federal or state law enforcement personnel.
- (8) (a) Commencing on January 15, 2007, and every 5 years thereafter, a review of the statewide minimum standards for seaport security as contained in paragraph(1) (a) shall be conducted under the Office of Drug Control within the Executive Office of the Governor by the Seaport Security Standards Advisory Council as provided in paragraph (b).
- (b) The Office of Drug Control shall convene a Seaport
 Security Standards Advisory Council as defined in s. 20.03(7) to
 review the statewide minimum standards for seaport security for
 applicability to and effectiveness in combating current
 narcotics and terrorism threats to Florida's seaports. All
 sources of information allowed by law shall be utilized in
 assessing the applicability and effectiveness of the standards.
- (c) The members of the council shall consist of the following:

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1. Two seaport directors appointed by the Governor.

2. Two seaport security directors appointed by the Governor.

- 3. One designee from the Department of Law Enforcement.
- 4. The director of the Office of Motor Carrier Compliance of the Department of Transportation.
 - 5. One designee from the Attorney General's Office.
- 6. One designee from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- 7. One designee from the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.
- 8. A representative of the United States Coast Guard who shall serve as an ex officio member of the council.
- (d) Members of the council shall serve for terms of 4 years. A vacancy shall be filled by the original appointing authority for the balance of the unexpired term.
- (e) Seaport Security Standards Advisory Council members shall serve without pay; however, state per diem and travel allowances may be claimed for attendance of officially called meetings as provided by s. 112.061.
- (f) The Seaport Security Standards Advisory Council shall be chaired by a designee from the Office of Drug Control. The council shall meet upon the call of the chair and at least once every 5 years.
- (g) Recommendations and findings of the council shall be transmitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate.

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Section 3. Section 311.121, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

- 311.121 Qualifications, training, and certification of licensed security officers at Florida seaports.--
- (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that seaports in the state be able to mitigate operational security costs without reducing security levels by employing a combination of certified law enforcement officers and certified private security service officers. The Department of Law Enforcement shall adhere to this intent in the approval and certification process for seaport security required under s. 311.12.
- (2) The authority or governing board of each seaport identified under s. 311.09 that is subject to the statewide minimum seaport security standards established in s. 311.12 shall require that a candidate for certification as a seaport security officer:
- (a) Has received a Class D license as a security officer under chapter 493.
- (b) Has successfully completed the certified training curriculum for a Class D license or has been determined by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to have equivalent experience as established by rule of the department.
- (c) Has completed the training or training equivalency and testing process established by this section for becoming a certified seaport security officer.
- (3) (a) The Seaport Security Officer Qualification,

 Training, and Standards Coordinating Council is created under the Department of Law Enforcement.

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The executive director of the Department of Law Enforcement shall appoint 12 members to the council which shall include:

- The seaport administrator of the Department of Law 1. Enforcement.
 - The chancellor of the Community College System. 2.
- The director of the Division of Licensing of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- The administrator of the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council.
- Two seaport security directors from seaports designated under s. 311.09.
 - 6. One director of a state law enforcement academy.
 - 7. One representative of a local law enforcement agency.
 - Two representatives of contract security services.
- One representative of the Division of Driver Licenses of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
 - One representative of the United States Coast Guard. 10.
- Council members designated in subparagraphs (b) 1.-4. shall serve for the duration of their employment or appointment. Council members designated under subparagraphs (b) 5.-10. shall serve 4-year terms, except that the initial appointment for the representative of a local law enforcement agency, one representative of a contract security agency, and one seaport
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- security director from a seaport designated in s. 311.09 shall 359
- 360 serve for terms of 2 years.

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The chancellor of the Community College System shall 361 (d) 362 serve as chair of the council.

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(e) The council shall meet upon the call of the chair, and at least once a year to update or modify curriculum recommendations.

(f) Council members shall serve without pay; however, state per diem and travel allowances may be claimed for attendance of officially called meetings as provided by s. 112.061.

- (g) The council shall identify the qualifications, training, and standards for seaport security officer certification and recommend a curriculum for the seaport security officer training program that shall include no less than 218 hours of initial certification training and that conforms to or exceeds model courses approved by the Federal Maritime Act under Section 109 of the Federal Maritime

 Transportation Security Act of 2002 for facility personnel with specific security duties.
- (h) The council may recommend training equivalencies that may be substituted for portions of the required training.
- (i) The council shall recommend a continuing education curriculum of no less than 8 hours of additional training for each annual licensing period.
- (4) (a) The Department of Education shall develop the curriculum recommendations and classroom-hour specifications of the Seaport Security Officer Qualifications, Training, and Standards Coordinating Council into initial and continuing education and training programs for seaport security officer certification.

(b) Such training programs shall be used by schools
licensed under s. 493.6304, and each instructor providing
training must hold a Class D license pursuant to s. 493.6301.

- (c) A seaport authority or other organization involved in seaport-related activities may apply to become a school licensed under s. 493.6304.
- (d) The training programs shall include proficiency examinations that must be passed by each candidate for certification who successfully completes the required hours of training or provides proof of authorized training equivalencies.
- (e) A candidate for certification must be provided with a list of authorized training equivalencies in advance of training; however, each candidate for certification must successfully complete 20 hours of study specific to Florida Maritime Security and pass the related portion of the proficiency examination.
- copy of the Certificate. The department shall place the notification with the licensee's file. Notification may be provided by electronic or paper format pursuant to instruction of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

(6) (a) Upon completion of the certification process, a person holding a Class D license must apply for a revised license pursuant to s. 493.6107(2), which license shall state that the licensee is certified as a seaport security officer.

- (b) A person who has been issued a seaport security officer certificate is authorized to perform duties specifically required of a seaport security officer.
- (c) The certificate is valid for the duration of the seaport security officer's Class D license and shall be renewed upon renewal of the license.
- (d) The certificate shall become void if the seaport security officer's Class D license is revoked or allowed to lapse for more than 1 year or if the licensee fails to complete the annual continuing education requirement prior to expiration of the Class D license.
- (e) Renewal of certification following licensure revocation or a lapse of longer than 1 year requires, at a minimum, 20 hours of recertification training and reexamination of the applicant.
- Section 4. Section 311.122, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 311.122 Seaport law enforcement agency; authorization; requirements; powers; training.--
- (1) Each seaport in the state is authorized to create a seaport law enforcement agency for its facility, which authority in no way precludes the seaport from contracting with local governments or law enforcement agencies to comply with the security standards required by this chapter.

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(2) Each seaport law enforcement agency shall meet all of the standards set by the state under certified law enforcement guidelines and requirements and shall be certified as provided under chapter 943.

- (3) If a seaport creates a seaport law enforcement agency for its facility, a minimum of 30 percent of the aggregate personnel of each seaport law enforcement agency shall be sworn state-certified law enforcement officers with additional Maritime Transportation Security Act seaport training; a minimum of 30 percent of on-duty personnel of each seaport law enforcement agency shall be sworn state-certified law enforcement officers with additional Maritime Transportation Security Act seaport training; and at least one on-duty supervisor must be a sworn state-certified law enforcement officer with additional Maritime Transportation Security Act seaport training.
- (4) For the purposes of this chapter, where applicable, seaport law enforcement agency officers shall have the same powers as university police officers as provided in s. 1012.97; however, such powers do not extend beyond the property of the seaport except in connection with an investigation initiated on seaport property or in connection with an immediate, imminent threat to the seaport.
- (5) For the purposes of this chapter, sworn statecertified seaport security officers shall have the same law
 enforcement powers with respect to the enforcement of traffic
 laws on seaport property as university police officers under s.
 1012.97, community college police officers under s. 1012.88, and

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airport police officers under the provisions of s.

316.640(1)(a)1.d.(I)-(II).

- (6) Certified seaport security officers shall have the authority to immediately tow any vehicle parked illegally as indicated by an existing sign or during an emergency as deemed necessary to maintain seaport security.
- Section 5. Section 311.123, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 311.123 Maritime domain security awareness training program.--
- (1) The Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic

 Development Council, in conjunction with the Department of Law

 Enforcement and the Office of Drug Control within the Executive

 Office of the Governor, shall create a maritime domain security

 awareness training program to instruct all personnel employed

 within a seaport's boundaries about the security procedures

 required of them for implementation of the seaport security

 plan.
- (2) The training program curriculum must include security training required pursuant to 33 C.F.R. part 105 and must be designed to enable the seaports in this state to meet the training, drill, and exercise requirements of 33 C.F.R. part 105 and individual seaport security plans and to comply with the requirements of s. 311.12 relating to security awareness.
- Section 6. Section 311.124, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 500 311.124 Trespassing; detention by a certified seaport 501 security officer.--

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(1) Any Class D or Class G seaport security officer certified under the Maritime Transportation Security Act guidelines or any employee of the seaport security force certified under the Maritime Transportation Security Act guidelines who has probable cause to believe that a person is trespassing pursuant to the provisions of s. 810.08 or s. 810.09 or this chapter in a designated restricted area pursuant to s. 311.111 is authorized to detain such person in a reasonable manner for a reasonable period of time pending the arrival of a law enforcement officer, and such action shall not render the security officer criminally or civilly liable for false arrest, false imprisonment, or unlawful detention.

(2) Upon detaining a person for trespass, the seaport security officer shall immediately call a certified law enforcement officer to the scene.

Section 7. Section 817.021, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

817.021 False information to obtain a seaport security identification card.--A person who willfully and knowingly provides false information in obtaining or attempting to obtain a seaport security identification card commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.