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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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House

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The Committee on Transportation (Montford) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 328.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
read:

328.80 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

(1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may  
~~commission is authorized to~~ accept any application provided for  
under this chapter by electronic or telephonic means.



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(2) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may issue an electronic certificate of registration in addition to printing a paper registration.

(3) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may collect electronic mail addresses and use electronic mail in lieu of the United States Postal Service for the purpose of providing renewal notices.

Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 328.48, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

328.48 Vessel registration, application, certificate, number, decal, duplicate certificate.—

(4) Each certificate of registration issued shall state among other items the numbers awarded to the vessel, the hull identification number, the name and address of the owner, and a description of the vessel, except that certificates of registration for vessels constructed or assembled by the owner registered for the first time shall state all the foregoing information except the hull identification number. The numbers shall be placed on each side of the forward half of the vessel in such position as to provide clear legibility for identification, except, if the vessel is an airboat, the numbers may be placed on each side of the rudder. The numbers awarded to the vessel shall read from left to right and shall be in block characters of good proportion not less than 3 inches in height. The numbers shall be of a solid color which will contrast with the color of the background and shall be so maintained as to be clearly visible and legible; i.e., dark numbers on a light background or light numbers on a dark background. The certificate of registration shall be pocket-sized and shall be



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available for inspection on the vessel for which issued whenever such vessel is in operation. If the certificate of registration is not available for inspection on the vessel or is damaged or otherwise illegible, the operator may present for inspection an electronic device displaying an electronic certificate issued pursuant to s. 328.80. Such presentation does not constitute consent for inspection of any information on the device other than the displayed certificate. The person who presents the device to the officer assumes the liability for any resulting damage to the device.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause  
and insert:

A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to vessel registration; amending s.  
328.80, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Highway  
Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue an electronic  
certificate of registration for a vessel, to collect  
electronic mail addresses, and to use electronic mail  
for certain purposes; amending s. 328.48, F.S.;  
authorizing a vessel operator to present such  
electronic certificate for inspection under certain  
circumstances; providing construction; providing that  
the person displaying the device assumes the liability  
for any resulting damage to the device; providing an  
effective date.