

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

CS/CS/HB 1103 — Local Administration of Vessel Restrictions

by Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; and Reps. Andrade, Basabe, and others (CS/SB 1682 by Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government and Senator Trumbull)

The bill allows counties and municipalities to authorize, by ordinance, code enforcement officers to administer laws relating to vessels at risk of becoming derelict, vessels designated as public nuisances, and vessels with long-term anchoring permits. Such ordinances may take effect only after review and approval of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Code enforcement officers may issue noncriminal infractions pursuant to the uniform boating citation system for violations of the laws relating to long-term anchoring and at risk and public nuisance vessels.

The bill revises an exemption for vessels that are established as a domicile from Monroe County's anchoring limitation area vessel relocation requirements until at least 60, rather than 100, new moorings are available for public use within one mile of the Key West Bight City Dock.

The bill authorizes local governments to adopt ordinances regulating vessel speed and operation within 300 feet of a confluence of water bodies presenting a blind corner, up to a distance of 1,000 feet if necessary to ensure safe navigation and visibility for approaching vessels. The boundary of such boating-restricted areas must be clearly marked.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 109-0