

Chapter 328, F.S., relates to vessel titles and is administered by DHSMV.

On November 17, 1997, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives directed House committees to perform several activities relating to the State Agency Function/Activity Review and Prioritization Project. Statutory provisions relating to the DHSMV's operations were reviewed to determine their consistency with the agency's mission. As part of the Project, House staff was instructed to identify statutes that are obsolete or in need of technical revision.

In January 1998, the House Committee on Transportation issued a report in response to the Speaker's directive. Draft legislation was prepared to place DHSMV's vessel registration and titling responsibilities into the same chapter of law.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill transfers *vessel registration* statutes from chapter 327 to chapter 328, F.S. This would place DHSMV's vessel registration and titling responsibilities into the same chapter of the Florida Statutes. Chapter 327, F.S., would continue to be related to vessel safety and be administered by DEP.

Reorganizing the statutes will serve to align the statutes according to the missions and responsibilities of the DEP and DHSMV.

The following is a section by section analysis of the bill.

Section 1: Designates a part I and part II for chapter 328, F.S.

Sections 2 - 5: Conforming cross references.

Sections 6 - 28: Transfers and renumbers vessel registration statutes from chapter 327 to 328, F.S. Where appropriate, conforming cross references are made due to the renumbering.

Sections 29 - 31: Conforming cross references.

Section 32: Transfers and renumbers s. 327.90, F.S., to s. 328.80, F.S.

Sections 33 - 36: Conforming cross references.

Section 37: Provides an effective date.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.