

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to waterway markers; amending s. 327.40,  
 3           F.S.; providing for the placement of certain markers on  
 4           waterways by specified governmental entities; providing an  
 5           exemption with regard to appearance of said markers;  
 6           providing that the placement of specified markers on state  
 7           submerged lands does not subject such lands to certain  
 8           lease requirements; providing an effective date.

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

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 12           Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
 13           327.40, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (4), a  
 14           new paragraph (c) is added to subsection (2), and subsection (3)  
 15           of said section is amended, to read:

16           327.40 Uniform waterway markers for safety, ~~and~~  
 17           navigation, and information.--

18           (2)

19           (c) The placement of informational markers, including, but  
 20           not limited to, end of boat ramp, no swimming, swimming area,  
 21           lake name, trash receptacle, public health notice, underwater  
 22           hazard, canal, regulatory, emergency, and special event markers  
 23           by counties, municipalities, or other governmental entities in,  
 24           on, or over the waters or shores of landlocked inland lakes and  
 25           their associated canals is exempt from permitting under this  
 26           section. These markers, with the exception of swimming area and  
 27           special event markers, must be placed 50 feet or less from the  
 28           normal shoreline. The appearance of markers placed by counties,

29 municipalities, or other governmental entities pursuant to this  
30 paragraph is not required to conform to the Unites States Aids  
31 to Navigation System, 33 C.F.R. part 62, or any uniform system  
32 of waterway markers adopted by the commission. Notwithstanding  
33 the exemption created by this paragraph, counties,  
34 municipalities, and other governmental entities shall comply  
35 with federal laws and regulations when placing informational  
36 markers on federally regulated waters.

37 (3) The placement of any safety or navigation marker or  
38 any marker specified in paragraph (2)(c) on state submerged  
39 lands under this section does not subject such lands to the  
40 lease requirements of chapter 253.

41 (4)(e) The commission is authorized to adopt rules  
42 pursuant to chapter 120 to implement this section.

43 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.