

Bill No. CS for SB 540

Amendment No. ____ Barcode 114508

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Senator Wasserman Schultz moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 2, line 25, through
page 4, line 2, delete those lines

and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (s) of subsection (2) of section
370.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

370.12 Marine animals; regulation.--

(2) PROTECTION OF MANATEES OR SEA COWS.--

(s) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph,
any person violating the provisions of this subsection or any
rule or ordinance adopted pursuant to this subsection commits
~~shall be guilty of~~ a misdemeanor, punishable as provided in s.
370.021(1)(a) or (b).

1. Any person operating a vessel in excess of a posted
speed limit shall be guilty of a civil infraction, punishable
as provided in s. 327.73, except as provided in subparagraph

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2. This paragraph does not apply to persons violating

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1 restrictions governing "No Entry" zones or "Motorboat
 2 Prohibited" zones, who, if convicted, shall be guilty of a
 3 misdemeanor, punishable as provided in s. 370.021(1)(a) or
 4 (b), or, if such violation demonstrates blatant or willful
 5 action, may be found guilty of harassment as described in
 6 paragraph (d).

7 3. A person may engage in any activity otherwise
 8 prohibited by this subsection or any rule or ordinance adopted
 9 pursuant to this subsection if the activity is reasonably
 10 necessary in order to prevent the loss of human life or a
 11 vessel in distress due to weather conditions or other
 12 reasonably unforeseen circumstances, or in order to render
 13 emergency assistance to persons or a vessel in distress.

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17 And the title is amended as follows:

18 On page 1, lines 9-18, delete those lines

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20 and insert:

21 distress; creating s. 370.1202, F.S.;

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