

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Greenstein offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 On page 2, line 23, through page 3, line 31,
5 remove: all of said lines

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7 and insert:

8 Section 1. Paragraph (s) of subsection (2) of section
9 370.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

10 370.12 Marine animals; regulation.--

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

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

16 370.021(1)(a) or (b).

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17 1. Any person operating a vessel in excess of a posted
18 speed limit shall be guilty of a civil infraction, punishable as
19 provided in s. 327.73, except as provided in subparagraph 2.

20 2. This paragraph does not apply to persons violating
21 restrictions governing "No Entry" zones or "Motorboat
22 Prohibited" zones, who, if convicted, shall be guilty of a
23 misdemeanor, punishable as provided in s. 370.021(1)(a) or (b),
24 or, if such violation demonstrates blatant or willful action,
25 may be found guilty of harassment as described in paragraph (d).

26 3. A person may engage in any activity otherwise
27 prohibited by this subsection or any rule or ordinance adopted
28 pursuant to this subsection if the activity is reasonably
29 necessary in order to prevent the loss of human life or aid a
30 vessel in distress due to weather conditions or other reasonably
31 unforeseen circumstances, or in order to render emergency
32 assistance to persons or a vessel in distress.

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

35 On page 1, line(s) 9-16,
36 remove: all of said lines

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38 and insert: distress; creating s. 370.1202,