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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

1 Representative(s) Needelman offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 2678 and 2679 insert:

5 Section 57. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
6 206.606, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7 206.606 Distribution of certain proceeds.--

8 (1) Moneys collected pursuant to ss. 206.41(1)(g) and
9 206.87(1)(e) shall be deposited in the Fuel Tax Collection Trust
10 Fund. Such moneys, after deducting the service charges imposed
11 by s. 215.20, the refunds granted pursuant to s. 206.41, and the
12 administrative costs incurred by the department in collecting,
13 administering, enforcing, and distributing the tax, which
14 administrative costs may not exceed 2 percent of collections,
15 shall be distributed monthly to the State Transportation Trust
16 Fund, except that:

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17 (b) \$2.5 million shall be transferred to the State Game
18 Trust Fund in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in
19 each fiscal year and used for recreational boating activities,
20 and freshwater fisheries management and research. The transfers
21 must be made in equal monthly amounts beginning on July 1 of
22 each fiscal year. The commission shall annually determine where
23 unmet needs exist for boating-related activities, and may fund
24 such activities in counties where, due to the number of vessel
25 registrations, sufficient financial resources are unavailable.

26 1. A minimum of \$1.25 million shall be used to fund local
27 projects to provide recreational channel marking and other
28 uniform waterway markers, public boat ramps, lifts, and hoists,
29 marine railways, and other public launching facilities, derelict
30 vessel removal aquatic plant control, and other local boating
31 related activities. In funding the projects, the commission
32 shall give priority consideration as follows:

33 a. Unmet needs in counties with populations of 100,000 or
34 less.

35 b. Unmet needs in coastal counties with a high level of
36 boating related activities from individuals residing in other
37 counties.

38 2. The remaining \$1.25 million may be used for
39 recreational boating activities and freshwater fisheries
40 management and research.

41 3. The commission is authorized to adopt rules pursuant to
42 ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement a Florida Boating
43 Improvement Program ~~similar to the program administered by the~~
44 ~~Department of Environmental Protection and established in rules~~

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45 ~~62D 5.031—62D 5.036, Florida Administrative Code, to determine~~
46 ~~projects eligible for funding under this subsection.~~

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48 On February 1 of each year, the commission shall file an annual
49 report with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
50 House of Representatives outlining the status of its Florida
51 Boating Improvement Program, including the projects funded, and
52 a list of counties whose needs are unmet due to insufficient
53 financial resources from vessel registration fees.

54 Section 58. Section 327.59, Florida Statutes, is amended
55 to read:

56 327.59 Marina evacuations.--

57 (1) After June 1, 1994, marinas may not adopt, maintain,
58 or enforce policies pertaining to evacuation of vessels which
59 require vessels to be removed from marinas following the
60 issuance of a hurricane watch or warning, in order to ensure
61 that protecting the lives and safety of vessel owners is placed
62 before interests of protecting property.

63 (2) Nothing in this section may be construed to restrict
64 the ability of an owner of a vessel or the owner's authorized
65 representative to remove a vessel voluntarily from a marina at
66 any time or to restrict a marina owner from dictating the kind
67 of cleats, ropes, fenders, and other measures that must be used
68 on vessels as a condition of use of a marina. After a tropical
69 storm or hurricane watch has been issued, a marina owner or
70 operator, or an employee or agent of such owner or operator, may
71 take reasonable actions to further secure any vessel within the
72 marina to minimize damage to a vessel and to protect marina

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73 property, private property, and the environment and may charge a
74 reasonable fee for such services.

75 (3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section,
76 in order to minimize damage to a vessel and to protect marina
77 property, private property, and the environment, a marina owner
78 may provide by contract that in the event a vessel owner fails
79 to promptly remove a vessel from a marina after a tropical storm
80 or hurricane watch has been issued, the marina owner, operator,
81 employee, or agent may remove the vessel, if reasonable, from
82 its slip or take whatever reasonable actions are deemed
83 necessary to properly secure a vessel to minimize damage to a
84 vessel and to protect marina property, private property, and the
85 environment and may charge the vessel owner a reasonable fee for
86 any such services rendered. In order to add such a provision to
87 a contract, the marina owner must provide notice to the vessel
88 owner in any such contract in a font size of at least 10 points
89 and in substantially the following form:

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91 NOTICE TO VESSEL OWNER

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93 The undersigned hereby informs you that in the event you fail to
94 remove your vessel from the marina promptly (timeframe to be
95 determined between the marina owner or operator and the vessel
96 owner) after the issuance of a tropical storm or hurricane watch
97 for (insert geographic area), Florida, under Florida law, the
98 undersigned or his or her employees or agents are authorized to
99 remove your vessel, if reasonable, from its slip or take any and
100 all other reasonable actions deemed appropriate by the
101 undersigned or his or her employees or agents in order to better

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102 secure your vessel and to protect marina property, private
103 property, and the environment. You are further notified that you
104 may be charged a reasonable fee for any such action.

105 (4) A marina owner, operator, employee, or agent shall not
106 be held liable for any damage incurred to a vessel from storms
107 or hurricanes and is held harmless as a result of such actions.
108 Nothing in this section may be construed to provide immunity to
109 a marina operator, employee, or agent for any damage caused by
110 intentional acts or negligence when removing or securing a
111 vessel as permitted under this section.

112 Section 59. Subsection (2) of section 327.60, Florida
113 Statutes, is amended to read:

114 327.60 Local regulations; limitations.--

115 (2) Nothing contained in the provisions of this section
116 shall be construed to prohibit local governmental authorities
117 from the enactment or enforcement of regulations which prohibit
118 or restrict the mooring or anchoring of floating structures or
119 live-aboard vessels within their jurisdictions or of any vessels
120 within the marked boundaries of mooring fields permitted as
121 provided in s. 327.40. However, local governmental authorities
122 are prohibited from regulating the anchoring outside of such
123 mooring fields ~~anchorage~~ of non-live-aboard vessels ~~engaged in~~
124 ~~the exercise of rights of~~ navigation.

125 Section 60. Section 328.64, Florida Statutes, is amended
126 to read:

127 328.64 Change of interest and address.--

128 (1) The owner shall furnish the Department of Highway
129 Safety and Motor Vehicles notice of the transfer of all or any
130 part of his or her interest in a vessel registered or titled in
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131 | this state pursuant to this chapter or chapter 328 or of the
132 | destruction or abandonment of such vessel, within 30 days
133 | thereof, on a form prescribed by the department. Such transfer,
134 | destruction, or abandonment shall terminate the certificate for
135 | such vessel, except that in the case of a transfer of a part
136 | interest which does not affect the owner's right to operate such
137 | vessel, such transfer shall not terminate the certificate. The
138 | department shall provide the form for such notice and shall
139 | attach the form to every vessel title issued or reissued.

140 | (2) Any holder of a certificate of registration shall
141 | notify the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or
142 | the county tax collector within 30 days, if his or her address
143 | no longer conforms to the address appearing on the certificate
144 | and shall, as a part of such notification, furnish the
145 | department or such county tax collector with the new address.
146 | The department shall ~~may~~ provide in its rules and regulations
147 | for the surrender of the certificate bearing the former address
148 | and its replacement with a certificate bearing the new address
149 | or for the alteration of an outstanding certificate to show the
150 | new address of the holder.

151 | Section 61. Subsection (15) of section 328.72, Florida
152 | Statutes, is amended to read:

153 | 328.72 Classification; registration; fees and charges;
154 | surcharge; disposition of fees; fines; marine turtle stickers.--

155 | (15) DISTRIBUTION OF FEES.--Except for the first \$2, \$1 of
156 | which shall be remitted to the state for deposit into the Save
157 | the Manatee Trust Fund created within the Fish and Wildlife
158 | Conservation Commission and \$1 of which shall be remitted to the
159 | state for deposit into the Marine Resources Conservation Trust
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160 Fund to fund a grant program for public launching facilities,
161 pursuant to s. 206.606 ~~327.47~~, giving priority consideration to
162 counties with more than 35,000 registered vessels, moneys
163 designated for the use of the counties, as specified in
164 subsection (1), shall be distributed by the tax collector to the
165 board of county commissioners for use only as provided in this
166 section. Such moneys to be returned to the counties are for the
167 sole purposes of providing recreational channel marking and
168 other uniform waterway markers, public boat ramps, lifts, and
169 hoists, marine railways, and other public launching facilities,
170 derelict vessel removal, and ~~other boating-related activities,~~
171 ~~for~~ removal of vessels and floating structures deemed a hazard
172 to public safety and health for failure to comply with s.
173 ~~327.53, and for manatee and marine mammal protection and~~
174 ~~recovery~~. Counties shall ~~that~~ demonstrate through an annual
175 detailed accounting report of vessel registration revenues that
176 ~~at least \$1 of the registration fees were spent~~ as provided in
177 this subsection ~~on boating infrastructure shall only be required~~
178 ~~to transfer the first \$1 of the fees to the Save the Manatee~~
179 ~~Trust Fund~~. This report shall be provided to the Fish and
180 Wildlife Conservation Commission no later than November 1 of
181 each year. If, prior to January 1 of each calendar year, the
182 annual detailed accounting report meeting the prescribed
183 criteria has still not been provided to the commission, the tax
184 collector of that county shall not distribute the moneys
185 designated for the use of counties, as specified in subsection
186 (1), to the board of county commissioners but shall, instead,
187 for the next calendar year, remit such moneys to the state for
188 deposit into the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund. The

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189 commission shall return those moneys to the county if the county
190 fully complies with this section within that calendar year. If
191 the county does not fully comply with this section within that
192 calendar year, the moneys shall remain within the Marine
193 Resources Trust Fund and may be appropriated for the purposes
194 specified in this subsection ~~The commission shall provide an~~
195 ~~exemption letter to the department by December 15 of each year~~
196 ~~for qualifying counties.~~

197 Section 62. Paragraph (g) of subsection (4) of section
198 376.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

199 376.11 Florida Coastal Protection Trust Fund.--

200 (4) Moneys in the Florida Coastal Protection Trust Fund
201 shall be disbursed for the following purposes and no others:

202 (g) The funding of a grant program to ~~eastal~~ local
203 governments, pursuant to s. 376.15(2)(b) and (c), for the
204 removal of derelict vessels from the public waters of the state.

205 Section 63. Section 376.15, Florida Statutes, is amended
206 to read:

207 376.15 Derelict vessels; removal from public waters.--

208 (1) It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to
209 store, leave, or abandon any derelict vessel as defined in s.
210 823.11(1) in this state ~~or leave any vessel in a wrecked,~~
211 ~~junked, or substantially dismantled condition or abandoned upon~~
212 ~~any public waters or at any port in this state without the~~
213 ~~consent of the agency having jurisdiction thereof or docked at~~
214 ~~any private property without the consent of the owner of the~~
215 ~~private property.~~

216 (2) (a) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and
217 its officers and all law enforcement officers as specified in s.
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218 327.70 are ~~is hereby designated as the agency of the state~~
219 authorized and empowered to remove any derelict vessel as
220 defined in s. 823.11(1) ~~described in subsection (1)~~ from public
221 waters. All costs incurred by the commission or other law
222 enforcement agency in the removal of any abandoned or derelict
223 vessel shall be recoverable against the owner of the vessel. The
224 Department of Legal Affairs shall represent the commission in
225 such actions.

226 (b) The commission may establish a program to provide
227 grants to ~~coastal~~ local governments for the removal of derelict
228 vessels from the public waters of the state. The program shall
229 be funded from the Florida Coastal Protection Trust Fund.
230 Notwithstanding the provisions in s. 216.181(11), funds
231 available for grants may only be authorized by appropriations
232 acts of the Legislature.

233 (c) The commission shall adopt by rule procedures for
234 submitting a grant application and criteria for allocating
235 available funds. Such criteria shall include, but not be limited
236 to, the following:

237 1. The number of derelict vessels within the jurisdiction
238 of the applicant.

239 2. The threat posed by such vessels to public health or
240 safety, the environment, navigation, or the aesthetic condition
241 of the general vicinity.

242 3. The degree of commitment of the local government to
243 maintain waters free of abandoned and derelict vessels and to
244 seek legal action against those who abandon vessels in the
245 waters of the state.

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246 (d) This section shall constitute the authority ~~of the~~
247 ~~commission~~ for such removal, but is not intended to be in
248 contravention of any applicable federal act.

249 ~~(e) The Department of Legal Affairs shall represent the~~
250 ~~Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in such actions.~~

251 Section 64. Paragraph (s) of subsection (2) of section
252 403.813, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

253 403.813 Permits issued at district centers; exceptions.--

254 (2) A permit is not required under this chapter, chapter
255 373, chapter 61-691, Laws of Florida, or chapter 25214 or
256 chapter 25270, 1949, Laws of Florida, for activities associated
257 with the following types of projects; however, except as
258 otherwise provided in this subsection, nothing in this
259 subsection relieves an applicant from any requirement to obtain
260 permission to use or occupy lands owned by the Board of Trustees
261 of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund or any water management
262 district in its governmental or proprietary capacity or from
263 complying with applicable local pollution control programs
264 authorized under this chapter or other requirements of county
265 and municipal governments:

266 (s) The construction, installation, operation, or
267 maintenance of floating vessel platforms or floating boat lifts,
268 provided that such structures:

269 1. Float at all times in the water for the sole purpose of
270 supporting a vessel so that the vessel is out of the water when
271 not in use;

272 2. Are wholly contained within a boat slip previously
273 permitted under ss. 403.91-403.929, 1984 Supplement to the
274 Florida Statutes 1983, as amended, or part IV of chapter 373, or
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275 | do not exceed a combined total of 500 square feet, or 200 square
276 | feet in an Outstanding Florida Water, when associated with a
277 | dock that is exempt under this subsection or associated with a
278 | permitted dock with no defined boat slip or attached to a
279 | bulkhead on a parcel of land where there is no other docking
280 | structure, do not exceed a combined total of 500 square feet, or
281 | 200 square feet in an Outstanding Florida Water;

282 | 3. Are not used for any commercial purpose or for mooring
283 | vessels that remain in the water when not in use, and do not
284 | substantially impede the flow of water, create a navigational
285 | hazard, or unreasonably infringe upon the riparian rights of
286 | adjacent property owners, as defined in s. 253.141;

287 | 4. Are constructed and used so as to minimize adverse
288 | impacts to submerged lands, wetlands, shellfish areas, aquatic
289 | plant and animal species, and other biological communities,
290 | including locating such structures in areas where ~~no~~ seagrasses
291 | are least dense exist if such areas are present adjacent to the
292 | dock or bulkhead; and

293 | 5. Are not constructed in areas specifically prohibited
294 | for boat mooring under conditions of a permit issued in
295 | accordance with ss. 403.91-403.929, 1984 Supplement to the
296 | Florida Statutes 1983, as amended, or part IV of chapter 373, or
297 | other form of authorization issued by a local government.

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299 | Structures that qualify for this exemption are relieved from any
300 | requirement to obtain permission to use or occupy lands owned by
301 | the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund
302 | and, with the exception of those structures attached to a
303 | bulkhead on a parcel of land where there is no docking

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304 structure, shall not be subject to any more stringent permitting
305 requirements, registration requirements, or other regulation by
306 any local government. Local governments may require either
307 permitting or one-time registration of floating vessel platforms
308 to be attached to a bulkhead on a parcel of land where there is
309 no other docking structure as necessary to ensure compliance
310 with local ordinances, codes, or regulations. Local governments
311 may require either permitting or one-time registration of all
312 other floating vessel platforms as necessary to ensure
313 compliance with the exemption criteria in this section; to
314 ensure compliance with local ordinances, codes, or regulations
315 relating to building or zoning, which are no more stringent than
316 the exemption criteria in this section or address subjects other
317 than subjects addressed by the exemption criteria in this
318 section; and to ensure proper installation, maintenance, and
319 precautionary or evacuation action following a tropical storm or
320 hurricane watch of a floating vessel platform or floating boat
321 lift that is proposed to be attached to a bulkhead or parcel of
322 land where there is no other docking structure. The exemption
323 provided in this paragraph shall be in addition to the exemption
324 provided in paragraph (b). ~~By January 1, 2003,~~ The department
325 shall adopt a general permit by rule for the construction,
326 installation, operation, or maintenance of those floating vessel
327 platforms or floating boat lifts that do not qualify for the
328 exemption provided in this paragraph but do not cause
329 significant adverse impacts to occur individually or
330 cumulatively. The issuance of such general permit shall also
331 constitute permission to use or occupy lands owned by the Board
332 of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. ~~Upon the~~
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333 ~~adoption of the rule creating such general permit,~~ No local
334 government shall impose a more stringent regulation, permitting
335 requirement, registration requirement, or other regulation
336 covered by such general permit. Local governments may require
337 either permitting or one-time registration of floating vessel
338 platforms as necessary to ensure compliance with the general
339 permit in this section; to ensure compliance with local
340 ordinances, codes, or regulations relating to building or zoning
341 that are no more stringent than the general permit in this
342 section; and to ensure proper installation and maintenance of a
343 floating vessel platform or floating boat lift that is proposed
344 to be attached to a bulkhead or parcel of land where there is no
345 other docking structure ~~on floating vessel platforms or floating~~
346 ~~boat lifts covered by such general permit.~~

347 Section 65. Subsection (3) of section 705.101, Florida
348 Statutes, is amended to read:

349 705.101 Definitions.--As used in this chapter:

350 (3) "Abandoned property" means all tangible personal
351 property that does not have an identifiable owner and that has
352 been disposed on public property in a wrecked, inoperative, or
353 partially dismantled condition or has no apparent intrinsic
354 value to the rightful owner. The term includes derelict vessels
355 as defined in s. 823.11(1) ~~Vessels determined to be derelict by~~
356 ~~the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or a county or~~
357 ~~municipality in accordance with the provisions of s. 823.11 are~~
358 ~~included within this definition.~~

359 Section 66. Subsection (4) of section 705.103, Florida
360 Statutes, is amended to read:

361 705.103 Procedure for abandoned or lost property.--
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362 (4) The owner of any abandoned or lost property who, after
363 notice as provided in this section, does not remove such
364 property within the specified period shall be liable to the law
365 enforcement agency for all costs of removal, storage, and
366 destruction of such property, less any salvage value obtained by
367 disposal of the property. Upon final disposition of the
368 property, the law enforcement officer shall notify the owner, if
369 known, of the amount owed. In the case of an abandoned vessel
370 ~~boat~~ or motor vehicle, any person who neglects or refuses to pay
371 such amount is not entitled to be issued a certificate of
372 registration for such vessel ~~boat~~ or motor vehicle, or any other
373 vessel ~~boat~~ or motor vehicle, until such costs have been paid.
374 The law enforcement officer shall supply the Department of
375 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles with a list of persons whose
376 vessel ~~boat~~ registration privileges or whose motor vehicle
377 privileges have been revoked under this subsection. Neither the
378 department nor any other person acting as agent thereof shall
379 issue a certificate of registration to a person whose vessel
380 ~~boat~~ or motor vehicle registration privileges have been revoked,
381 as provided by this subsection, until such costs have been paid.

382 Section 67. Section 823.11, Florida Statutes, is amended
383 to read:

384 823.11 Abandoned and derelict vessels; removal; penalty.--

385 (1) "Derelict vessel" means any vessel, as defined in s.
386 327.02, that is left, stored, or abandoned:

387 (a) In a wrecked, junked, or substantially dismantled
388 condition upon any public waters of this state.

389 (b) At any port in this state without the consent of the
390 agency having jurisdiction thereof.

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391 (c) Docked or grounded at or beached upon the property of
392 another without the consent of the owner of the property.

393 (2) It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to
394 store, leave, or abandon any derelict vessel as defined in this
395 section in this state ~~or leave any vessel as defined by maritime~~
396 ~~law in a wrecked, junked, or substantially dismantled condition~~
397 ~~or abandoned upon or in any public water or at any port in this~~
398 ~~state without the consent of the agency having jurisdiction~~
399 ~~thereof, or docked at any private property without the consent~~
400 ~~of the owner of such property.~~

401 (3) (a) (2) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
402 and its officers and all law enforcement officers as specified
403 in s. 327.70 are is designated as the agency of the state
404 authorized and empowered to remove or cause to be removed any
405 abandoned or derelict vessel from public waters in any instance
406 when the same obstructs or threatens to obstruct navigation or
407 in any way constitutes a danger to the environment. Removal of
408 vessels pursuant to this section may be funded by grants
409 provided in ss. 206.606 and 376.15. The Fish and Wildlife
410 Conservation Commission is directed to implement a plan for the
411 procurement of any available federal disaster funds and to use
412 such funds for the removal of derelict vessels. All costs
413 incurred by the commission or other law enforcement agency in
414 the removal of any abandoned or derelict vessel as set out above
415 shall be recoverable against the owner thereof. The Department
416 of Legal Affairs shall represent the commission in such actions.
417 As provided in s. 705.103(4), any person who neglects or refuses
418 to pay such amount is not entitled to be issued a certificate of

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419 registration for such vessel or for any other vessel or motor
420 vehicle until the costs have been paid.

421 (b) When a derelict vessel is docked or grounded at or
422 beached upon private property without the consent of the owner
423 of the property, the owner of the property may remove the vessel
424 at the vessel owner's expense 60 days after compliance with the
425 notice requirements specified in s. 328.17(5). The private
426 property owner may not hinder reasonable efforts by the vessel
427 owner or agent to remove the vessel. Any notice given pursuant
428 to this paragraph shall be presumed delivered when it is
429 deposited with the United States Postal Service, certified, and
430 properly addressed with prepaid postage. Pursuant to an
431 agreement with the governing body of a county or municipality,
432 and upon a finding by the commission that the county or
433 municipality is competent to undertake said responsibilities,
434 the commission may delegate to the county or municipality its
435 authority to remove or cause to be removed an abandoned or
436 derelict vessel from public waters within the county or
437 municipality.

438 (4)(3) Any person, firm, or corporation violating this act
439 commits is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall
440 be punished as provided by law. Conviction under this section
441 shall not bar the assessment and collection of the civil penalty
442 provided in s. 376.16 for violation of s. 376.15. The court
443 having jurisdiction over the criminal offense, notwithstanding
444 any jurisdictional limitations on the amount in controversy, may
445 order the imposition of such civil penalty in addition to any
446 sentence imposed for the first criminal offense.

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Remove line 242 and insert:
amending s. 206.606, F.S.; authorizing the use of certain funds for local boating related projects and activities; amending s. 327.59, F.S.; authorizing marina owners, operators, employees, and agents to take actions to secure vessels during severe weather and to charge fees and be held harmless for such service; holding marina operators, employees, and agents liable for damage caused by intentional acts or negligence while removing or securing vessels; authorizing contract provisions and providing contract notice requirements relating to removing or securing vessels; amending s. 327.60, F.S.; providing for local regulation of anchoring within mooring fields; amending s. 328.64, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide forms for certain notification related to vessels; requiring the department to provide by rule for the surrender and replacement of certificates of registration to reflect change of address; amending s. 328.72, F.S.; requiring counties to use funds for specific boating related purposes; requiring counties to provide reports demonstrating specified expenditure of such funds; providing penalties for failure to comply; amending s. 376.11, F.S.; authorizing the distribution of revenues from the Florida Coastal Protection Trust Fund to all local governments for the removal of certain vessels; amending s. 376.15, F.S.; revising provisions relating to

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477 the removal of abandoned and derelict vessels; specifying
478 officers authorized to remove such vessels; providing that
479 certain costs are recoverable; requiring the Department of
480 Legal Affairs to represent the Fish and Wildlife
481 Conservation Commission in certain actions; expanding
482 eligibility for disbursement of grant funds for the
483 removal of certain vessels; amending s. 403.813, F.S.;
484 providing exemptions from permitting, registration, and
485 regulation of floating vessel platforms or floating boat
486 lifts by a local government; authorizing local governments
487 to require certain permits or registration for floating
488 vessel platforms or floating boat lifts under certain
489 circumstances; amending s. 705.101, F.S.; revising the
490 definition of "abandoned property" to include certain
491 vessels; amending s. 705.103, F.S.; revising the
492 terminology relating to abandoned or lost property to
493 conform; amending s. 823.11, F.S.; revising provisions
494 relating to abandoned and derelict vessels and the removal
495 of such vessels; providing a definition of "derelict
496 vessel"; specifying which officers may remove such
497 vessels; directing the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
498 Commission to implement a plan for the procurement of
499 federal disaster funds for the removal of derelict
500 vessels; requiring the Department of Legal Affairs to
501 represent the commission in certain actions; deleting a
502 provision authorizing the commission to delegate certain
503 authority to local governments under certain
504 circumstances; authorizing private property owners to
505 remove certain vessels with required notice; providing

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506 | that cost of such removal is recoverable; prohibiting
507 | private property owners from hindering the removal of
508 | certain vessels by vessel owners or agents; providing for
509 | jurisdictional imposition of civil penalties for
510 | violations relating to certain vessels; providing an
511 | effective dates.