

By Senator Hutson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to vessel safety inspection decals;
3 amending s. 327.70, F.S.; providing rulemaking
4 authority to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
5 Commission regarding expiration and design of safety
6 inspection decals; specifying standards for such
7 rulemaking; providing a maximum period of validity;
8 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 (a) of subsection (2) of section
13 327.70, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 327.70 Enforcement of this chapter and chapter 328.—

15 (2) (a) 1. Upon demonstrated compliance with the safety
16 equipment carriage and use requirements of this chapter during a
17 safety inspection initiated by a law enforcement officer, the
18 operator of a vessel shall be issued a safety inspection decal
19 signifying that the vessel is deemed to have met the safety
20 equipment carriage and use requirements of this chapter at the
21 time and location of such inspection. The commission may
22 designate by rule the timeframe for expiration of, and the
23 specific design for, the safety inspection decal. However, a
24 decal may not be valid for more than 5 years and, at a minimum,
25 must meet the standards specified in this paragraph.

26 2. The safety inspection decal, if displayed, must be
27 located within 6 inches of the inspected vessel's properly
28 displayed vessel registration decal. For nonmotorized vessels
29 that are not required to be registered, the safety inspection

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30 decal, if displayed, must be located above the waterline on the
31 forward half of the port side of the vessel.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.