

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to airboat regulation; providing a
 3 short title; amending s. 327.391, F.S.; requiring a
 4 commercial airboat operator to have specified
 5 documents onboard the airboat while carrying
 6 passengers for hire; providing an exception; providing
 7 a penalty; providing an effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. This act may be cited as "Ellie's Law."

12 Section 2. Subsection (5) is added to section 327.391,
 13 Florida Statutes, to read:

14 327.391 Airboats regulated.—

15 (5) (a) Beginning December 31, 2018, a person may not
 16 operate an airboat to carry one or more passengers for hire on
 17 waters of the state unless he or she has all of the following
 18 onboard the airboat:

19 1. A photographic identification card.

20 2. Proof of completion of a boater education course that
 21 complies with s. 327.395(1) (a). Except as provided in paragraph
 22 (b), no operator is exempt from this requirement, regardless of
 23 age or the exemptions provided under s. 327.395.

24 3. Proof of successful completion of a commission-approved
 25 airboat operator course that meets the minimum standards

26 | established by commission rule.

27 | 4. Proof of successful course completion in
28 | cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

29 | (b) A person issued a captain's license by the United
30 | States Coast Guard is not required to complete a boating safety
31 | education course that complies with s. 327.395(1)(a). Proof of
32 | the captain's license must be onboard the airboat when carrying
33 | one or more passengers for hire on waters of the state.

34 | (c) A person who violates this subsection commits a
35 | misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
36 | 775.082 or s. 775.083.

37 | Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.