

By Senator Rader

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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, by  
4           a specified date, a commercial airboat operator to  
5           have specified documents on board the airboat while  
6           carrying passengers for hire; providing an exception;  
7           providing 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 passengers for hire on waters of the  
17 state unless he or she has all of the following on board the  
18 airboat:

19           1. A photographic identification card.

20           2. Proof of compliance with s. 327.395.

21           3. Proof of successful completion of a commission-approved  
22 airboat operator course that meets the minimum standards  
23 established by commission rule.

24           4. A certificate of successful course completion in  
25 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

26           (b) A person issued a captain's license by the United  
27 States Coast Guard is not required to complete the boating  
28 safety education course required under s. 327.395. Proof of the  
29 captain's license must be on board the airboat when carrying

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30 passengers for hire on waters of the state.

31 (c) A person who violates this subsection commits a  
32 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.  
33 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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