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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Transportation (Montford) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 328.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to
read:

328.80 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

(1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may
~~commission is authorized to~~ accept any application provided for
under this chapter by electronic or telephonic means.



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11 (2) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may
12 issue an electronic certificate of registration in addition to
13 printing a paper registration.

14 (3) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may
15 collect electronic mail addresses and use electronic mail in
16 lieu of the United States Postal Service for the purpose of
17 providing renewal notices.

18 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 328.48, Florida
19 Statutes, is amended to read:

20 328.48 Vessel registration, application, certificate,
21 number, decal, duplicate certificate.-

22 (4) Each certificate of registration issued shall state
23 among other items the numbers awarded to the vessel, the hull
24 identification number, the name and address of the owner, and a
25 description of the vessel, except that certificates of
26 registration for vessels constructed or assembled by the owner
27 registered for the first time shall state all the foregoing
28 information except the hull identification number. The numbers
29 shall be placed on each side of the forward half of the vessel
30 in such position as to provide clear legibility for
31 identification, except, if the vessel is an airboat, the numbers
32 may be placed on each side of the rudder. The numbers awarded to
33 the vessel shall read from left to right and shall be in block
34 characters of good proportion not less than 3 inches in height.
35 The numbers shall be of a solid color which will contrast with
36 the color of the background and shall be so maintained as to be
37 clearly visible and legible; i.e., dark numbers on a light
38 background or light numbers on a dark background. The
39 certificate of registration shall be pocket-sized and shall be



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40 available for inspection on the vessel for which issued whenever
41 such vessel is in operation. If the certificate of registration
42 is not available for inspection on the vessel or is damaged or
43 otherwise illegible, the operator may present for inspection an
44 electronic device displaying an electronic certificate issued
45 pursuant to s. 328.80. Such presentation does not constitute
46 consent for inspection of any information on the device other
47 than the displayed certificate. The person who presents the
48 device to the officer assumes the liability for any resulting
49 damage to the device.

50 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

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

53 And the title is amended as follows:

54 Delete everything before the enacting clause
55 and insert:

56 A bill to be entitled
57 An act relating to vessel registration; amending s.
58 328.80, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Highway
59 Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue an electronic
60 certificate of registration for a vessel, to collect
61 electronic mail addresses, and to use electronic mail
62 for certain purposes; amending s. 328.48, F.S.;

63 authorizing a vessel operator to present such
64 electronic certificate for inspection under certain
65 circumstances; providing construction; providing that
66 the person displaying the device assumes the liability
67 for any resulting damage to the device; providing an
68 effective date.