

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to anchored vessels; amending s.
 3 327.4109, F.S.; providing a definition; directing the
 4 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to conduct,
 5 contingent upon appropriation, a specified study of
 6 the impacts of long-term stored vessels and certain
 7 anchored and moored vessels on local communities and
 8 the state and to submit a report to the Governor and
 9 Legislature by a specified date; providing for
 10 expiration of the study; amending s. 823.11, F.S.;
 11 prohibiting persons from residing or dwelling on
 12 certain derelict vessels until certain conditions are
 13 met; providing an effective date.

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

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 17 Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 327.4109,
 18 Florida Statutes, to read:

19 327.4109 Anchoring or mooring prohibited; exceptions;
 20 penalties.—

21 (6) (a) As used in this subsection, the term "long-term
 22 stored vessel" means a vessel on the waters of the state that is
 23 not under the supervision and control of a person capable of
 24 operating, maintaining, or moving it from one location to
 25 another and that has remained anchored or moored outside of a

26 public mooring field for at least 30 days out of a 60-day
27 period.

28 (b) The commission shall conduct, or contract with a
29 private vendor to conduct, for no longer than 2 years, a study
30 of the impacts of long-term stored vessels on local communities
31 and the state.

32 (c) The study shall:

33 1. Investigate if and to what extent long-term stored
34 vessels and vessels anchored or moored outside of public mooring
35 fields for more than 30 days contribute to the number of
36 derelict and abandoned vessels on the waters of the state.

37 2. Investigate the impacts of long-term stored vessels,
38 vessels anchored or moored outside of public mooring fields for
39 more than 30 days, and vessels moored within public mooring
40 fields on the local and state economies, public safety, and the
41 environment during and after significant tropical storm and
42 hurricane events.

43 3. Provide recommendations for appropriate management
44 options for long-term stored vessels and vessels anchored or
45 moored outside of public mooring fields for more than 30 days to
46 mitigate any identified negative impacts to local communities
47 and the state.

48 (d) The commission shall submit a report of its findings
49 and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the
50 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives within 6

51 months after the date the study is completed.

52 (e) This subsection is contingent upon appropriation by
 53 the Legislature.

54 (f) This subsection expires January 1, 2024.

55 Section 2. Subsection (6) is added to section 823.11,
 56 Florida Statutes, to read:

57 823.11 Derelict vessels; relocation or removal; penalty.—

58 (6) If an owner or responsible party of a derelict vessel
 59 has been charged by an officer of the commission or any law
 60 enforcement agency or officer specified in s. 327.70 for a
 61 violation of subsection (2) or a violation of s. 376.15(2), a
 62 person may not reside or dwell on such vessel until the vessel
 63 is removed from the waters of the state permanently or returned
 64 to the waters of the state in a condition that is no longer
 65 derelict.

66 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.