

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to marina evacuations; amending s.
 3 327.59, F.S.; prohibiting vessels under a specified
 4 weight from remaining in certain marinas that have
 5 been deemed not suitable for refuge during a hurricane
 6 after the issuance of a hurricane watch or warning for
 7 the waters of the marina; providing for civil
 8 penalties; 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. Subsection (1) of section 327.59, Florida
 13 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that
 14 section, to read:

15 327.59 Marina evacuations.—

16 (1) Except as provided in this section ~~After June 1, 1994,~~
 17 marinas may not adopt, maintain, or enforce policies pertaining
 18 to evacuation of vessels which require vessels to be removed
 19 from marinas following the issuance of a hurricane watch or
 20 warning, in order to ensure that protecting the lives and safety
 21 of vessel owners is placed before interests of protecting
 22 property.

23 (5) Upon the issuance of a hurricane watch or warning
 24 affecting the waters of marinas located in a deepwater seaport,
 25 vessels under 500 gross tons may not remain in the waters of

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26 | such marinas that have been deemed not suitable for refuge
27 | during a hurricane. After the hurricane watch or warning has
28 | been issued, the owner or operator of any vessel that has not
29 | been removed, pursuant to an order from the seaport, from the
30 | waters of the marina may be subject to the penalties under s.
31 | 313.22(3).

32 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.