

By Senator Mayfield

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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  
 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

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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.