

26 commits a noncriminal infraction, punishable as provided in s.
 27 327.73(1).

28 ~~(3) An airboat may not operate on the waters of the state~~
 29 ~~unless it is equipped with a mast or flagpole bearing a flag at~~
 30 ~~a height of at least 10 feet above the lowest portion of the~~
 31 ~~vessel. The flag must be square or rectangular, at least 10~~
 32 ~~inches by 12 inches in size, international orange in color, and~~
 33 ~~displayed so that the visibility of the flag is not obscured in~~
 34 ~~any direction. Any person who violates this subsection commits a~~
 35 ~~noncriminal infraction punishable as provided in s. 327.73(1).~~

36 Section 2. Effective July 1, 2023, subsection (4) is added
 37 to section 327.50, Florida Statutes, to read:

38 327.50 Vessel safety regulations; equipment and lighting
 39 requirements.—

40 (4) A vessel may not operate or be anchored on the waters
 41 of this state where visibility is limited by vegetation that
 42 extends 18 inches or higher above the current water line and is
 43 present within 10 feet on both sides of the vessel unless the
 44 vessel is equipped with a mast or flagpole bearing a flag at a
 45 height of at least 10 feet above the lowest portion of the
 46 vessel. The flag must meet design, minimum size, and color
 47 requirements as established by commission rule and be displayed
 48 so that the visibility of the flag is not obscured in any
 49 direction. This subsection does not apply to a vessel that has a
 50 height greater than 10 feet above the water line. A person who

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51 | violates this subsection commits a noncriminal infraction
52 | punishable as provided in s. 327.73(1).

53 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.