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The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (Rodriguez) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment**

Delete lines 47 - 102  
and insert:  
County on waters of this state within 10 linear nautical miles of a public mooring field or a designated anchoring area must pull anchor and be moved from its location using the vessel's propulsion system and be re-anchored in a new location. The new location must be:

1. No less than one-half linear nautical mile from the



11 vessel's starting location. A vessel may not be re-anchored  
12 within one-half linear nautical mile from the vessel's starting  
13 location for at least 90 days; or

14 2. In a different designated anchoring area. A vessel may  
15 not be re-anchored in its originating designated anchoring area  
16 for at least 90 days after anchoring within a new designated  
17 anchoring area. ~~The commission shall adopt rules to implement~~  
18 ~~this subsection.~~

19 (b) The commission, in consultation with Monroe County and  
20 the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, shall establish by  
21 rule designated anchoring areas throughout the county. The  
22 designated anchoring areas must:

23 1. Specify a maximum vessel draft for each area;  
24 2. Be created only in locations where the water depth is  
25 sufficient to allow vessels whose drafts are less than the  
26 area's specified maximum vessel draft to navigate into and out  
27 of the areas without grounding or stranding;

28 3. Not be located over coral reefs or other sensitive fish  
29 or wildlife habitat, to the maximum extent practicable, as  
30 determined by the commission;

31 4. Not be located in an area subject to ongoing hazardous  
32 water currents or tides or containing navigational hazards; and

33 5. Not be located within navigational channels, setbacks  
34 established by the United States Army Corps of Engineers  
35 associated with federal channels, areas where anchoring is  
36 prohibited pursuant to s. 327.4109, or any other lawfully  
37 established areas that prohibit anchoring.

38 (c) Paragraph (a) does ~~The anchoring limitations in this~~  
39 ~~subsection~~ do not apply to vessels moored to approved and



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40 permitted moorings ~~or mooring fields~~.

41 (d) ~~(e)~~ A vessel upon the waters of this state and within  
42 Monroe County for which the owner or occupant has established  
43 the vessel as a domicile in accordance with s. 222.17 is exempt  
44 from paragraph (a) Notwithstanding the commission rules adopted  
45 pursuant to this section, this section is not effective for  
46 Monroe County until at least 100 the county approves, permits,  
47 and opens new moorings are available for public use, including  
48 at least 250 moorings within 1 mile of the Key West Bight City  
49 Dock and at least 50 moorings within the Key West Garrison Bight  
50 Mooring Field. Until such time, the commission shall designate  
51 the area within 1 mile of the Key West Bight City Dock as a  
52 priority for the investigation and removal of derelict vessels.

53 (e) All of the following vessels within Monroe County on  
54 waters of this state which are equipped with a marine sanitation  
55 device other than a marine composting toilet that processes and  
56 manages human waste using technologies that comply with United  
57 States Coast Guard requirements must maintain a record of the  
58 date of each pumpout of the marine sanitation device and the  
59 location of the pumpout station or waste reception facility for  
60 1 year after the date of the pumpout, and the record must  
61 indicate that the vessel was pumped out within the last 30 days: