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Senator Garcia moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Boating Safety Act
of 2022."

Section 2. Subsection (7) is added to section 327.30,
Florida Statutes, to read:

327.30 Collisions, accidents, and casualties.—

(7) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, a
court may order a person convicted of a violation of this



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12 section or of any rule adopted or order issued by the commission
13 pursuant to this section to pay an additional fine of up to
14 \$1,000 per violation. All fines assessed and collected pursuant
15 to this subsection shall be remitted by the clerk of the court
16 to the Department of Revenue to be deposited into the Marine
17 Resources Conservation Trust Fund to be used to enhance state
18 and local law enforcement activities related to boating
19 infractions. As used in this subsection, the terms "convicted"
20 and "conviction" mean any judicial disposition other than
21 acquittal or dismissal.

22 Section 3. Effective January 1, 2023, section 327.54,
23 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

24 327.54 Liveries; safety regulations; penalty.-

25 (1) As used in this section, the term:

26 (a) "Advertise" means to describe or draw attention to a
27 vessel and its availability for lease or rental in any medium
28 for the purpose of promoting the lease or rental of the vessel.

29 (b) "Conviction" means any judicial disposition other than
30 acquittal or dismissal.

31 (c) "Livery" means a person who advertises and offers a
32 livery vessel for use by another in exchange for any type of
33 consideration when such person does not also provide the lessee
34 or renter with a captain, a crew, or any type of staff or
35 personnel to operate, oversee, maintain, or manage the vessel.
36 The owner of a vessel who does not advertise his or her vessel
37 for use by another for consideration and who loans or offers his
38 or her vessel for use to another known to him or her either for
39 consideration or without consideration is not a livery. A vessel
40 rented or leased by a livery is a livery vessel as defined in s.



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41 327.02.

42 (d) "Seaworthy" means the vessel and all of its parts and
43 equipment, including, but not limited to, engines, bilge pumps,
44 and kill switches, are functional and reasonably fit for their
45 intended purpose.

46 (2) A livery may not offer a vessel for lease or rent
47 without first being issued a no-cost livery permit by the
48 commission. The permit must be renewed annually. To qualify for
49 issuance or renewal of a livery permit, an applicant must
50 provide the commission with a list of all vessels offered by the
51 livery for lease or rent by another, have valid insurance
52 pursuant to subsection (7), have an amount of United States
53 Coast Guard-approved lawful personal floatation devices on site
54 sufficient to accommodate the capacity of all vessels offered by
55 the livery for rent or lease by another, have on site all safety
56 equipment required by s. 327.50 and the Code of Federal
57 Regulations sufficient to equip all vessels offered by the
58 livery for rent or lease by another, and display the information
59 required by paragraph (3) (f). If, before the annual renewal of
60 the permit, the information required by this subsection changes,
61 the livery must provide the commission with the updated
62 information within 10 days after the change.

63 (a) The commission may adopt rules to implement this
64 subsection.

65 (b) A person who violates this subsection commits a
66 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
67 775.082 or s. 775.083.

68 (3) A livery may not knowingly lease, ~~hire,~~ or rent a
69 vessel to any person:



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70 (a) When the number of persons intending to use the vessel
71 exceeds the number considered to constitute a maximum safety
72 load for the vessel as specified on the authorized persons
73 capacity plate of the vessel.

74 (b) When the horsepower of the motor exceeds the capacity
75 of the vessel.

76 (c) When the vessel does not contain the ~~required~~ safety
77 equipment required under s. 327.50.

78 (d) When the vessel is not seaworthy, is a derelict vessel
79 as defined in s. 823.11, or is at risk of becoming derelict as
80 provided in s. 327.4107.

81 (e) ~~When the vessel is equipped with a motor of 10~~
82 ~~horsepower or greater,~~ Unless the livery provides pre-rental
83 ~~prerental~~ or pre-ride ~~preride~~ instruction in compliance with
84 rules established by the commission.

85 1. The instruction must include ~~that includes,~~ but need not
86 be limited to:

87 a.1. Operational characteristics of the vessel to be
88 rented.

89 b.2. Safe vessel operation and vessel right-of-way.

90 c.3. The responsibility of the vessel operator for the safe
91 and proper operation of the vessel.

92 d.4. Local characteristics of the waterway where the vessel
93 will be operated, such as navigational hazards, the presence of
94 boating-restricted areas, and water depths.

95 e. Emergency procedures, such as appropriate responses to
96 capsizing, falls overboard, taking on water, and vessel
97 accidents.

98 2. Any person receiving instruction in the safe handling of



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99 livery vessels pursuant to this paragraph must provide the
100 livery with a written statement attesting to each component of
101 the instruction.

102 a. The commission shall establish by rule the content of
103 the statement form.

104 b. The statement form must be signed by the individual
105 providing the instruction.

106 c. The livery shall maintain the statement form for no less
107 than 90 days and, upon request, make the form available for
108 inspection by law enforcement.

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110 ~~Any person delivering the information specified in this~~
111 ~~paragraph must have successfully completed a boater safety~~
112 ~~course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law~~
113 ~~Administrators and this state.~~

114 (f) Unless the livery displays boating safety information
115 in a place visible to the renting public. The commission shall
116 prescribe by rule, pursuant to chapter 120, the contents and
117 size of the boating safety information to be displayed.

118 (g) Unless the livery has a written agreement with the
119 renter or lessee. The written agreement must include the name,
120 address, and date of birth for the renter and the number of
121 people aboard the vessel, as well as the time the vessel is
122 required to be returned to the livery or another specified
123 location and an emergency contact name, address, and telephone
124 number. The livery shall maintain each agreement for no less
125 than 1 year and, upon request, make each agreement available for
126 inspection by law enforcement.

127 (4)(2) A livery may not knowingly lease, hire, or rent a



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128 vessel to a person who is required to comply with s. 327.395
129 unless such person presents to the livery the documentation
130 required by s. 327.395(2) for the operation of a vessel or meets
131 the exemption provided under s. 327.395(6)(f).

132 ~~(5)(3)~~ If a vessel rented or leased by a livery is
133 unnecessarily overdue more than 4 hours after the contracted
134 vessel rental time has expired, the livery must ~~shall~~ notify law
135 enforcement ~~the proper authorities~~.

136 ~~(6)(4)(a)~~ A livery may not knowingly lease, ~~hire,~~ or rent a
137 livery vessel, other than a human-powered vessel, personal
138 ~~watercraft~~ to any person who is under 18 years of age.

139 ~~(b)~~ ~~A livery may not knowingly lease, hire, or rent a~~
140 ~~personal watercraft to any person who has not received~~
141 ~~instruction in the safe handling of personal watercraft, in~~
142 ~~compliance with rules established by the commission pursuant to~~
143 ~~chapter 120.~~

144 ~~(c)~~ ~~Any person receiving instruction in the safe handling~~
145 ~~of personal watercraft pursuant to a program established by rule~~
146 ~~of the commission must provide the livery with a written~~
147 ~~statement attesting to the same.~~

148 ~~(7)(5)~~ A livery may not lease, ~~hire,~~ or rent ~~any personal~~
149 ~~watercraft~~ or offer to lease, ~~hire,~~ or rent any livery vessel
150 ~~personal watercraft~~ unless the livery first obtains and carries
151 in full force and effect a policy from a licensed insurance
152 carrier in this state which insures the livery and the renter,
153 ~~insuring~~ against any accident, loss, injury, property damage, or
154 other casualty caused by or resulting from the operation of the
155 livery vessel ~~personal watercraft~~. The insurance policy must
156 ~~shall~~ provide coverage of at least \$500,000 per person and \$1



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157 million per event. The livery shall ~~must~~ have proof of such
158 insurance available for inspection at the location where livery
159 vessels ~~personal watercraft~~ are being leased, ~~hired,~~ or rented,
160 or offered for lease, ~~hire,~~ or rent, and shall provide to each
161 renter the insurance carrier's name and address and the
162 insurance policy number. This subsection does not apply to
163 human-powered vessels.

164 (8) Notwithstanding the person's age or any exemptions
165 provided in s. 327.395, any person delivering instruction
166 regarding the safe operation of vessels or pre-rental or pre-
167 ride instruction in accordance with subsection (3) must have
168 successfully completed a boating safety education course
169 approved by the National Association of State Boating Law
170 Administrators and this state.

171 (9) If a vessel rented or leased by a livery is involved in
172 an accident, the livery must report the accident to the
173 division.

174 (10) A livery shall make its facilities and records
175 available for inspection upon request by law enforcement no
176 later than 24 hours after receiving notice from law enforcement.

177 (11) (a) ~~(6)~~ Any person convicted of violating this section,
178 other than subsection (2), who has not been convicted of a
179 violation of this section within the past 3 years commits a
180 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
181 775.082 or s. 775.083.

182 (b) Unless the stricter penalties in paragraph (c) apply, a
183 person who violates this section, other than subsection (2),
184 within 3 years after a previous conviction of a violation of
185 this section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree,



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186 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with a
187 minimum mandatory fine of \$500.

188 (c) A person who violates this section, other than
189 subsection (2), within 5 years after two previous convictions
190 for a violation of this section commits a misdemeanor of the
191 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
192 775.083, with a minimum mandatory fine of \$1,000.

193 (12) A person who commits more than one violation of this
194 section, other than subsection (2), within a 3-year period may
195 not act as a livery during a 90-day period immediately after
196 being charged with that violation. The commission may revoke or
197 refuse to issue a permit under subsection (2) based on repeated
198 violations of this section.

199 Section 4. Subsections (1) and (8) of section 327.73,
200 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

201 327.73 Noncriminal infractions.—

202 (1) Violations of the following provisions of the vessel
203 laws of this state are noncriminal infractions:

204 (a) Section 328.46, relating to operation of unregistered
205 and unnumbered vessels.

206 (b) Section 328.48(4), relating to display of number and
207 possession of registration certificate.

208 (c) Section 328.48(5), relating to display of decal.

209 (d) Section 328.52(2), relating to display of number.

210 (e) Section 328.54, relating to spacing of digits and
211 letters of identification number.

212 (f) Section 328.60, relating to military personnel and
213 registration of vessels.

214 (g) Section 328.72(13), relating to operation with an



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215 expired registration, for which the penalty is:

216 1. For a first or subsequent offense of s. 328.72(13)(a),
217 up to a maximum of \$100 ~~\$50~~.

218 2. For a first offense of s. 328.72(13)(b), up to a maximum
219 of \$250.

220 3. For a second or subsequent offense of s. 328.72(13)(b),
221 up to a maximum of \$500. Any person cited for a noncriminal
222 infraction under this subparagraph may not have the provisions
223 of paragraph (4)(a) available to him or her but must appear
224 before the designated official at the time and location of the
225 scheduled hearing.

226 (h) Section 327.33(2), relating to careless operation.

227 (i) Section 327.37, relating to water skiing, aquaplaning,
228 parasailing, and similar activities.

229 (j) Section 327.44, relating to interference with
230 navigation.

231 (k) Violations relating to boating-restricted areas and
232 speed limits:

233 1. Established by the commission or by local governmental
234 authorities pursuant to s. 327.46.

235 2. Speed limits established pursuant to s. 379.2431(2).

236 (l) Section 327.48, relating to regattas and races.

237 (m) Section 327.50(1) and (2), relating to required safety
238 equipment, lights, and shapes.

239 (n) Section 327.65, relating to muffling devices.

240 (o) Section 327.33(3)(b), relating to a violation of
241 navigation rules:

242 1. That does not result in an accident; or

243 2. That results in an accident not causing serious bodily



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244 injury or death, for which the penalty is:

245 a. For a first offense, up to a maximum of \$500 ~~\$250~~.

246 b. For a second offense, up to a maximum of \$1,000 ~~\$750~~.

247 c. For a third or subsequent offense, up to a maximum of
248 \$1,500 ~~\$1,000~~.

249 (p) Section 327.39(1), (2), (3), and (5), relating to
250 personal watercraft.

251 (q) Section 327.53(1), (2), (3), and (8), relating to
252 marine sanitation.

253 (r) Section 327.53(4), (5), and (7), relating to marine
254 sanitation, and s. 327.60, relating to no-discharge zones, for
255 which the civil penalty is \$250.

256 (s) Section 327.395, relating to boater safety education.
257 However, a person cited for violating the requirements of s.
258 327.395 relating to failure to have required proof of boating
259 safety education in his or her possession may not be convicted
260 if, before or at the time of a county court hearing, the person
261 produces proof of the boating safety education identification
262 card or temporary certificate for verification by the hearing
263 officer or the court clerk and the identification card or
264 temporary certificate was valid at the time the person was
265 cited.

266 (t) Section 327.52(3), relating to operation of overloaded
267 or overpowered vessels.

268 (u) Section 327.331, relating to divers-down warning
269 devices, except for violations meeting the requirements of s.
270 327.33.

271 (v) Section 327.391(1), relating to the requirement for an
272 adequate muffler on an airboat.



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273 (w) Section 327.391(3), relating to the display of a flag
274 on an airboat.

275 (x) Section 253.04(3)(a), relating to carelessly causing
276 seagrass scarring, for which the civil penalty upon conviction
277 is:

278 1. For a first offense, \$100 ~~\$50~~.

279 2. For a second offense occurring within 12 months after a
280 prior conviction, \$250.

281 3. For a third offense occurring within 36 months after a
282 prior conviction, \$500.

283 4. For a fourth or subsequent offense occurring within 72
284 months after a prior conviction, \$1,000.

285 (y) Section 327.45, relating to protection zones for
286 springs, for which the penalty is:

287 1. For a first offense, \$100 ~~\$50~~.

288 2. For a second offense occurring within 12 months after a
289 prior conviction, \$250.

290 3. For a third offense occurring within 36 months after a
291 prior conviction, \$500.

292 4. For a fourth or subsequent offense occurring within 72
293 months after a prior conviction, \$1,000.

294 (z) Section 327.4108, relating to the anchoring of vessels
295 in anchoring limitation areas, for which the penalty is:

296 1. For a first offense, up to a maximum of \$100 ~~\$50~~.

297 2. For a second offense, up to a maximum of \$250 ~~\$100~~.

298 3. For a third or subsequent offense, up to a maximum of
299 \$500 ~~\$250~~.

300 (aa) Section 327.4107, relating to vessels at risk of
301 becoming derelict on waters of this state, for which the civil



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302 penalty is:

303 1. For a first offense, \$100.

304 2. For a second offense occurring 30 days or more after a
305 first offense, \$250.

306 3. For a third or subsequent offense occurring 30 days or
307 more after a previous offense, \$500.

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309 A vessel that is the subject of three or more violations issued
310 pursuant to the same paragraph of s. 327.4107(2) within an 18-
311 month period which result in dispositions other than acquittal
312 or dismissal shall be declared to be a public nuisance and
313 subject to ss. 705.103(2) and (4) and 823.11(3). The commission,
314 an officer of the commission, or a law enforcement agency or
315 officer specified in s. 327.70 may relocate, remove, or cause to
316 be relocated or removed such public nuisance vessels from waters
317 of this state. The commission, an officer of the commission, or
318 a law enforcement agency or officer acting pursuant to this
319 paragraph upon waters of this state shall be held harmless for
320 all damages to the vessel resulting from such relocation or
321 removal unless the damage results from gross negligence or
322 willful misconduct as these terms are defined in s. 823.11.

323 (bb) Section 327.4109, relating to anchoring or mooring in
324 a prohibited area, for which the penalty is:

325 1. For a first offense, up to a maximum of \$100 ~~\$50~~.

326 2. For a second offense, up to a maximum of \$250 ~~\$100~~.

327 3. For a third or subsequent offense, up to a maximum of
328 \$500 ~~\$250~~.

329 (cc) Section 327.463(4) (a) and (b), relating to vessels
330 creating special hazards, for which the penalty is:



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331 1. For a first offense, \$100 ~~\$50~~.

332 2. For a second offense occurring within 12 months after a
333 prior offense, \$250 ~~\$100~~.

334 3. For a third offense occurring within 36 months after a
335 prior offense, \$500 ~~\$250~~.

336 (dd) Section 327.371, relating to the regulation of human-
337 powered vessels.

338 ~~(ee) Section 328.03, relating to an improper transfer of~~
339 ~~title, for which the penalty is up to a maximum of \$500.~~

340 ~~(ff) Section 328.48(9), relating to the failure to update~~
341 ~~vessel registration information, for which the penalty is up to~~
342 ~~a maximum of \$500.~~

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344 Any person cited for a violation of ~~any provision of~~ this
345 subsection shall be deemed to be charged with a noncriminal
346 infraction, shall be cited for such an infraction, and shall be
347 cited to appear before the county court. The civil penalty for
348 any such infraction is \$100 ~~\$50~~, except as otherwise provided in
349 this section. Any person who fails to appear or otherwise
350 properly respond to a uniform boating citation ~~shall~~, in
351 addition to the charge relating to the violation of the boating
352 laws of this state, must be charged with the offense of failing
353 to respond to such citation and, upon conviction, be guilty of a
354 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
355 775.082 or s. 775.083. A written warning to this effect shall be
356 provided at the time such uniform boating citation is issued.

357 (8) All fees and civil penalties assessed and collected
358 pursuant to this section shall be remitted by the clerk of the
359 court to the Department of Revenue to be deposited into the



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360 Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund for boating safety
361 education or law enforcement purposes.

362 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 327.731, Florida
363 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (4) is added to that
364 section, to read:

365 327.731 Mandatory education for violators.-

366 (1) A person convicted of a criminal violation under this
367 chapter, convicted of a noncriminal infraction under this
368 chapter if the infraction resulted in a reportable boating
369 accident, or convicted of two noncriminal infractions as
370 specified in s. 327.73(1)(h)-(k), (m), (o), (p), and (s)-(y),
371 the said infractions occurring within a 12-month period, must:

372 (a) Enroll in, attend, and successfully complete, at his or
373 her own expense, a classroom or online boating safety course
374 that is approved by and meets the minimum standards established
375 by commission rule;

376 (b) File with the commission within 90 days proof of
377 successful completion of the course; ~~and~~

378 (c) Refrain from operating a vessel until he or she has
379 filed proof of successful completion of the course with the
380 commission; and

381 (d) Pay a fine of \$500. The clerk of the court shall remit
382 all fines assessed and collected under this paragraph to the
383 Department of Revenue to be deposited into the Marine Resources
384 Conservation Trust Fund to support law enforcement activities.

385 (4) The commission shall maintain a program to ensure
386 compliance with the mandatory boating safety education
387 requirements under this section. This program must:

388 (a) Track any citations resulting in a conviction under



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389 this section and the disposition of such citations.

390 (b) Send specific notices to each person subject to the
391 requirement for mandatory boating safety education.

392 Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 328.03, Florida
393 Statutes, is amended to read:

394 328.03 Certificate of title required.—

395 (3) A person may ~~shall~~ not sell, assign, or transfer a
396 vessel titled by the state without delivering to the purchaser
397 or transferee a valid certificate of title with an assignment on
398 it showing the transfer of title to the purchaser or transferee.
399 A person may ~~shall~~ not purchase or otherwise acquire a vessel
400 required to be titled by the state without obtaining a
401 certificate of title for the vessel in his or her name. The
402 purchaser or transferee shall, within 30 days after a change in
403 vessel ownership, file an application for a title transfer with
404 the county tax collector. An additional \$10 fee must ~~shall~~ be
405 charged against the purchaser or transferee if he or she files a
406 title transfer application after the 30-day period. The county
407 tax collector may ~~shall be entitled to~~ retain \$5 of the
408 additional amount. Any person who does not properly transfer
409 title of a vessel pursuant to this chapter is subject to the
410 penalties provided in s. 327.73(1)(ee).

411 Section 7. Effective July 1, 2023, subsection (4) of
412 section 328.03, Florida Statutes, as amended by chapter 2019-76,
413 Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

414 328.03 Certificate of title required.—

415 (4) An additional \$10 fee shall be charged against the
416 purchaser or transferee if he or she files a title transfer
417 application after the 30-day period. The county tax collector



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418 may shall be entitled to retain \$5 of the additional amount. Any
419 person who does not properly transfer title of a vessel pursuant
420 to this chapter is subject to the penalties provided in s.
421 327.73(1)(ee).

422 Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
423 (4) of section 328.48, Florida Statutes, are amended, and
424 subsection (9) is added to that section, to read:

425 328.48 Vessel registration, application, certificate,
426 number, decal, duplicate certificate.—

427 (1) (a) The owner of each vessel required by this law to pay
428 a registration fee and secure an identification number shall
429 file an application with the county tax collector. The
430 application must shall provide the owner's name and physical
431 residential or business address; residency status; personal or
432 business identification; and a complete description of the
433 vessel, and must shall be accompanied by payment of the
434 applicable fee required in s. 328.72. An individual applicant
435 must provide a valid driver license or identification card
436 issued by this state or another state or a valid passport. A
437 business applicant must provide a federal employer
438 identification number, if applicable, verification that the
439 business is authorized to conduct business in this the state, or
440 a Florida city or county business license or number.
441 Registration is not required for any vessel that is not used on
442 the waters of this state. Upon receipt of an application from a
443 live-aboard vessel owner whose primary residence is the vessel,
444 the commission may authorize such owner to provide a post office
445 box address in lieu of a physical residential or business
446 address.



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447 (4) Each certificate of registration issued must ~~shall~~
448 state among other items the numbers awarded to the vessel, the
449 hull identification number, the name and physical residential or
450 business address of the owner, and a description of the vessel,
451 except that certificates of registration for vessels constructed
452 or assembled by the owner registered for the first time must
453 ~~shall~~ state all the foregoing information except the hull
454 identification number. The numbers must ~~shall~~ be placed on each
455 side of the forward half of the vessel in such position as to
456 provide clear legibility for identification, except, if the
457 vessel is an airboat, the numbers may be placed on each side of
458 the rudder. The numbers awarded to the vessel must ~~shall~~ read
459 from left to right and must ~~shall~~ be in block characters of good
460 proportion not less than 3 inches in height. The numbers must
461 ~~shall~~ be of a solid color that ~~which~~ will contrast with the
462 color of the background and must ~~shall~~ be so maintained as to be
463 clearly visible and legible; i.e., dark numbers on a light
464 background or light numbers on a dark background. The
465 certificate of registration must ~~shall~~ be pocket-sized and must
466 ~~shall~~ be available for inspection on the vessel for which issued
467 whenever such vessel is in operation. Upon receipt of an
468 application from a live-aboard vessel owner whose primary
469 residence is the vessel, the commission may authorize such owner
470 to provide a post office box address in lieu of a physical
471 residential address.

472 (9) A person who does not update his or her vessel
473 registration information with the county tax collector within 6
474 months after a change to the information is subject to the
475 penalties provided in s. 327.73(1)(ff).



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476 Section 9. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
477 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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479 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

480 And the title is amended as follows:

481 Delete everything before the enacting clause
482 and insert:

483 A bill to be entitled
484 An act relating to boating safety; providing a short
485 title; amending s. 327.30, F.S.; authorizing a court
486 to impose a specified fine for certain boating
487 collisions and accidents; requiring such fines to be
488 deposited into the Marine Resources Conservation Trust
489 Fund for specified purposes; defining terms; amending
490 s. 327.54, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting liveries
491 from offering a vessel for lease or rent without a
492 livery permit; specifying requirements and
493 qualifications for the permit; authorizing the Fish
494 and Wildlife Conservation Commission to adopt rules;
495 providing penalties for permit violations; revising
496 the conditions under which a livery may not knowingly
497 lease or rent a vessel; requiring a person receiving
498 safety instruction to provide the livery with a
499 specified signed attestation; requiring a written
500 agreement between a livery and a renter or lessee;
501 providing requirements for such agreement; requiring a
502 livery to notify law enforcement of overdue rentals or
503 leases under certain circumstances; prohibiting a
504 livery from knowingly leasing or renting a livery



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505 vessel to certain persons; providing an exception;
506 revising livery insurance requirements; providing
507 applicability; requiring specified boating safety
508 education courses for certain instructors; requiring
509 liveries to report certain accidents to the Division
510 of Law Enforcement of the commission; requiring
511 liveries to make facilities and records available to
512 law enforcement upon notice; providing penalties for
513 violations and additional penalties for subsequent
514 violations; prohibiting certain violators from acting
515 as a livery for a specified timeframe after such a
516 violation; authorizing the commission, beginning on a
517 specified date, to revoke or refuse to issue permits
518 for repeated violations; amending s. 327.73, F.S.;
519 increasing fines for violations of certain boating
520 regulations; providing fines for improper transfers of
521 title and failures to update vessel registration
522 information; authorizing certain fees and penalties
523 deposited into the Marine Resources Conservation Trust
524 Fund to be used for law enforcement purposes; amending
525 s. 327.731, F.S.; imposing a fine for persons
526 convicted of certain criminal or noncriminal
527 infractions; providing for the deposit of such fines
528 into the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund;
529 requiring the commission to maintain a program to
530 ensure compliance with certain boating safety
531 education requirements; specifying requirements for
532 the program; amending s. 328.03, F.S.; providing that
533 an improper transfer of vessel title is subject to a



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534 civil penalty; amending s. 328.48, F.S.; requiring
535 that the address provided in a vessel registration
536 application and a certificate of registration be a
537 physical residential or business address; authorizing
538 the commission to accept post office box addresses in
539 lieu of the physical residential or business address;
540 providing that a person who fails to update his or her
541 vessel registration information within a specified
542 timeframe is subject to a civil penalty; providing
543 effective dates.