

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to vessel owner and operation
 3 requirements; amending s. 327.4108, F.S.; revising
 4 anchoring limitation areas in certain sections of
 5 Biscayne Bay in Miami-Dade County; revising the
 6 timeframe during which a person may anchor a vessel in
 7 an anchoring limitation area within which such
 8 anchoring would otherwise be unlawful; amending s.
 9 327.70, F.S.; requiring law enforcement officers to
 10 conduct national criminal background checks for vessel
 11 owners who are issued citations for specified
 12 violations; providing an effective date.

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 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16 Section 1. Subsection (1) and paragraph (c) of subsection
 17 (4) of section 327.4108, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
 18 327.4108 Anchoring of vessels in anchoring limitation
 19 areas.—

20 (1) The following densely populated urban areas, which
 21 have narrow state waterways, residential docking facilities, and
 22 significant recreational boating traffic, are designated as and
 23 shall be considered to be grandfathered-in anchoring limitation
 24 areas, within which, except as provided in subsections (4) and
 25 (5), a person may not anchor a vessel at any time during the

26 | period between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour
 27 | before sunrise and, at any other time, for more than 4 hours in
 28 | a single day ~~except as provided in subsections (4) and (5):~~

29 | (a) The section of Middle River lying between Northeast
 30 | 21st Court and the Intracoastal Waterway in Broward County.

31 | (b) Sunset Lake in Miami-Dade County.

32 | (c) The sections of Biscayne Bay in Miami-Dade County
 33 | lying between:

- 34 | 1. Rivo Alto Island and Di Lido Island.
- 35 | 2. Di Lido Island and San Marino Island.
- 36 | ~~3.2.~~ San Marino Island and San Marco Island.
- 37 | ~~4.3.~~ San Marco Island and Biscayne Island.
- 38 | 5. Star Island and MacArthur Causeway.
- 39 | 6. Palm Island and MacArthur Causeway.
- 40 | 7. Hibiscus Island and Palm Island.
- 41 | 8. Julia Tuttle Causeway and Kennedy Causeway.
- 42 | 9. The Sunset Islands.
- 43 | 10. Belle Isle and Rivo Alto Island.

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45 | For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "lying between"
 46 | includes, without limitation, all of the area 200 yards to the
 47 | west from the western shore of the Sunset Islands and Di Lido
 48 | Island, all of the area 200 yards to the north from the northern
 49 | shore of the Sunset Islands, and all of the area 200 yards to
 50 | the east from the eastern shore of Di Lido Island.

51 (4) Notwithstanding subsections (1), (2), and (3), a
 52 person may anchor a vessel in an anchoring limitation area
 53 during a time that would otherwise be unlawful:

54 (c) For the duration of ~~During~~ events described in s.
 55 327.48 or ~~other special events, including, but not limited to,~~
 56 ~~public music performances, local government waterfront~~
 57 ~~activities, or fireworks displays. A vessel may anchor for the~~
 58 ~~lesser of the duration of the special event or 3 days, whichever~~
 59 is less.

60 Section 2. Present subsection (5) of section 327.70,
 61 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (6), and a new
 62 subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

63 327.70 Enforcement of this chapter and chapter 328.—

64 (5) When a law enforcement officer issues a citation to a
 65 vessel owner for a violation of this chapter, the law
 66 enforcement officer must conduct a national criminal background
 67 check on the vessel owner.

68 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.