

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 1388, 1st Eng.

INTRODUCER: Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government and Senator Trumbull

SUBJECT: Vessels

DATE: April 30, 2025

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – 848887 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – *Barcode* 848887 removes the content of CS/CS/SB 628 and CS/SB 164, which was added to CS/SB 1388 in the Senate.

The substance of CS/CS/SB 628, which the House amendment removes, revises the definition of “livery vessel;” enhances criminal penalties for reckless operation of a vessel that results in an accident, injury, or death; requires a person convicted of certain noncriminal boating infractions to complete an approved boating safety course; and suspends the driver’s license of a person convicted of a violation of reckless or careless operation of a vessel or BUI.

The substance of CS/SB 164, which the House amendment removes, clarifies and expands the definition of “vessel owner;” revises the manner and timeframe for a vessel owner or operator to demonstrate a vessel’s effective means of propulsion for safe navigation; creates a free long-term anchoring permit and creates a penalty; increases penalties for subsequent violations of derelict vessel laws; makes residing on a derelict vessel a criminal offense; and expands FWC’s local government grant program to support the derelict vessel prevention and voluntary turn-in program.