

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to no anchoring or mooring zones;  
 3           creating s. 311.104, F.S.; authorizing certain  
 4           seaports to designate no anchoring or mooring zones  
 5           for certain boats anchored in certain waters for a  
 6           specified time period for specified purposes;  
 7           specifying boundary limits for no anchoring or mooring  
 8           zones; authorizing certain seaports to apply to the  
 9           Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to establish  
 10          no anchoring or mooring zones; requiring an applicant  
 11          to hold a specified number of public hearings;  
 12          requiring the commission to consult with other  
 13          entities; authorizing the commission to modify no  
 14          anchoring or mooring zone boundaries; requiring  
 15          certain seaports to annually review the boundaries of  
 16          approved no anchoring or mooring zones and submit a  
 17          revised application under certain circumstances;  
 18          requiring certain information to be included in  
 19          seaport security plans and seaport strategic plans;  
 20          providing an effective date.

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

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 24                   **Section 1.   Section 311.104, Florida Statutes, is created**  
 25                   **to read:**

26 311.104 Designation of no anchoring or mooring zones.—

27 (1) Each seaport listed in s. 311.09(1) may designate no  
28 anchoring or mooring zones for uninsured boats anchored for more  
29 than 45 days in the waters surrounding the seaport as required  
30 in s. 327.4109 for all of the following purposes:

31 (a) Implementing port security measures.

32 (b) Ensuring freight and passenger commerce is not  
33 impeded.

34 (c) Promoting the safety and security of residents and  
35 visitors of this state.

36 (d) Maintaining and protecting the flow of legitimate  
37 trade and travel at all times.

38 (2) The boundary of any designated no anchoring or mooring  
39 zone may not exceed 1,500 feet from a seaport entrance or pier  
40 or wharf adjacent to a seaport channel or turning basin.

41 (3) A seaport listed in s. 311.09(1) may apply, pursuant  
42 to chapter 327, to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
43 to establish a no anchoring or mooring zone.

44 (4) Before applying to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
45 Commission to establish a no anchoring or mooring zone, an  
46 applicant must hold at least two public hearings displaying the  
47 boundaries of the proposed no anchoring or mooring zone.

48 (5) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall  
49 consult with the United States Coast Guard, the United States  
50 Army Corps of Engineers, and the Department of Transportation

51 when considering an application for, and the boundaries of, a no  
52 anchoring or mooring zone.

53 (6) When considering an application for a no anchoring or  
54 mooring zone, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission may  
55 modify the proposed boundaries of such no anchoring or mooring  
56 zone.

57 (7) After approval of a no anchoring or mooring zone, the  
58 seaport must review the no anchoring or mooring zone boundaries  
59 annually, and if necessary, submit a revised application to the  
60 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission with any proposed  
61 modifications to the boundaries.

62 (8) Each seaport must include in its seaport security plan  
63 and in its seaport strategic plan, as required under ss. 311.12  
64 and 311.14, respectively, any approved no anchoring or mooring  
65 zones that are in effect.

66 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.