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1	A bill to be entitled								
2	An act relating to anchoring and mooring at seaports;								
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:								
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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:							
40	(a) Within the navigational harbor of the seaport, 1,250							
41	feet from a navigation channel that provides entrance to the							
42	harbor or from a pier or wharf adjacent to a navigation channel							
43	or turning basin; or							
44	(b) Beyond the navigational harbor of the seaport, 500							
45	feet from a navigation channel that provides entrance to the							
46	harbor.							
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48	The navigational harbor of the seaport includes navigation							
49	channels, turning basins, navigation aids, and breakwaters and							
50	jetties.							
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51	(3) A seaport listed in s. 311.09(1) may apply, pursuant
52	to chapter 327, to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
53	to establish a no anchoring or mooring zone.
54	(4) Before applying to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
55	Commission to establish a no anchoring or mooring zone, an
56	applicant must hold at least two public hearings displaying the
57	boundaries of the proposed no anchoring or mooring zone.
58	(5) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
59	consult with the United States Coast Guard, the United States
60	Army Corps of Engineers, and the Department of Transportation
61	when considering an application for, and the boundaries of, a no
62	anchoring or mooring zone.
63	(6) When considering an application for a no anchoring or
64	mooring zone, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission may
65	modify the proposed boundaries of such no anchoring or mooring
66	zone.
67	(7) After approval of a no anchoring or mooring zone, the
68	seaport must review the no anchoring or mooring zone boundaries
69	annually, and if necessary, submit a revised application to the
70	Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission with any proposed
71	modifications to the boundaries.
72	(8) Each seaport must include in its seaport security plan
73	and in its seaport strategic plan, as required under ss. 311.12
74	and 311.14, respectively, any approved no anchoring or mooring
75	zones that are in effect.
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