

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 1173 (2026)

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)

ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)

FAILED TO ADOPT \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)

WITHDRAWN \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)

OTHER

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Natural Resources &  
2 Disasters Subcommittee

3 Representative Sirois offered the following:

5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 **Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section**

8 **327.46, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

9 327.46 Boating-restricted areas.—

10 (1) Boating-restricted areas, including, but not limited  
11 to, restrictions of vessel speeds and vessel traffic, may be  
12 established on the waters of this state for any purpose  
13 necessary to protect the safety of the public if such  
14 restrictions are necessary based on boating accidents,  
15 visibility, hazardous currents or water levels, vessel traffic

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16 congestion, or other navigational hazards or to protect  
17 seagrasses on privately owned submerged lands.

18 (c) Municipalities and counties may adopt ~~have the~~  
19 ~~authority to establish by ordinance~~ the following ordinances for  
20 ~~other~~ boating-restricted areas:

21 1. An ordinance regulating vessel speed and operation  
22 within 300 feet of a confluence of water bodies presenting a  
23 blind corner, up to a distance of 1,000 feet if such extended  
24 area is necessary to ensure safe navigation and visibility for  
25 approaching vessels. The boundaries of such areas must be  
26 clearly marked by uniform waterway regulatory markers consistent  
27 with commission rules.

28 2.1. An ordinance establishing an idle speed, no wake  
29 boating-restricted area, if the area is within 300 feet of a  
30 confluence of water bodies presenting a blind corner, a bend in  
31 a narrow channel or fairway, or such other area if an  
32 intervening obstruction to visibility may obscure other vessels  
33 or other users of the waterway.

34 3.2. An ordinance establishing a slow speed, minimum wake,  
35 or numerical speed limit boating-restricted area if the area is:

36 a. Within 300 feet of a confluence of water bodies  
37 presenting a blind corner, a bend in a narrow channel or  
38 fairway, or such other area if an intervening obstruction to  
39 visibility may obscure other vessels or other users of the  
40 waterway.

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41       b. Subject to unsafe levels of vessel traffic congestion.

42       c. Subject to hazardous water levels or currents, or

43 containing other navigational hazards.

44       d. An area that accident reports, uniform boating  
45 citations, vessel traffic studies, or other creditable data  
46 demonstrate to present a significant risk of collision or a  
47 significant threat to boating safety.

48       4.3. An ordinance establishing a vessel-exclusion zone if  
49 the area is reserved exclusively:

50       a. As a canoe trail or otherwise limited to vessels under  
51 oars or under sail.

52       b. For a particular activity and user group separation  
53 must be imposed to protect the safety of those participating in  
54 such activity.

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56 Any of the ordinances adopted pursuant to this paragraph may  
57 ~~shall~~ not take effect until the commission has reviewed the  
58 ordinance and determined by substantial competent evidence that  
59 the ordinance is necessary to protect public safety pursuant to  
60 this paragraph. Any application for approval of an ordinance  
61 shall be reviewed and acted upon within 90 days after receipt of  
62 a completed application. Within 30 days after a municipality or  
63 county submits an application for approval to the commission,  
64 the commission shall advise the municipality or county as to  
65 what information, if any, is needed to deem the application

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complete. An application shall be considered complete upon receipt of all requested information and correction of any error or omission for which the applicant was timely notified or when the time for such notification has expired. The commission's action on the application shall be subject to review under chapter 120. The commission shall initiate rulemaking no later than January 1, 2010, to provide criteria and procedures for reviewing applications and procedures for providing for public notice and participation pursuant to this paragraph.

**Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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**T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to boating-restricted areas; amending  
s. 327.46, F.S.; authorizing municipalities and  
counties to adopt ordinances to extend boating-  
restricted areas under certain conditions; requiring  
the boundaries of such areas to be clearly marked with  
specified markers; providing an effective date.