

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 1173 (2026)

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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WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)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

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Natural Resources &
Disasters Subcommittee

Representative Sirois offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

**Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
327.46, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

327.46 Boating-restricted areas.—

(1) Boating-restricted areas, including, but not limited
to, restrictions of vessel speeds and vessel traffic, may be
established on the waters of this state for any purpose
necessary to protect the safety of the public if such
restrictions are necessary based on boating accidents,
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.

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.