

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to anchoring limitation areas;
 3 amending s. 327.60, F.S.; restricting local regulation
 4 of vessels outside the marked boundaries of mooring
 5 fields in certain counties and areas of critical state
 6 concern; amending s. 327.4108, F.S.; designating
 7 specified sections of Biscayne Bay in Miami-Dade
 8 County as grandfathered-in anchoring limitation areas;
 9 amending s. 327.4109, F.S.; increasing the prohibited
 10 anchoring and mooring distance of vessels and floating
 11 structures near public mooring fields; providing an
 12 effective date.

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

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 16 **Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section**
 17 **327.60, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

18 327.60 Local regulations; limitations.—

19 (2) This chapter and chapter 328 do not prevent the
 20 adoption of any ordinance or local regulation relating to
 21 operation of vessels, except that a county or municipality may
 22 not enact, continue in effect, or enforce any ordinance or local
 23 regulation:

24 (f) Regulating the anchoring of vessels outside the marked
 25 boundaries of mooring fields permitted as provided in s. 327.40

26 | in counties with populations of 1.5 million or greater or in
 27 | areas of critical state concern, except for:

- 28 | 1. Live-aboard vessels; ~~and~~
- 29 | 2. Commercial vessels, excluding commercial fishing
- 30 | vessels; and
- 31 | 3. Any vessel that remains anchored overnight for a period
- 32 | of at least 4 hours any time between one-half hour after sunset
- 33 | and one-half hour before sunrise within the jurisdiction of a
- 34 | county for more than 30 days in a 6-month period, excluding any
- 35 | time the vessel is anchored overnight within the boundaries of a
- 36 | marked mooring field or any time the vessel is anchored
- 37 | overnight for the purpose of completing permitted marine
- 38 | construction, installation, or maintenance work;

39 | **Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section**
 40 | **327.4108, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

41 | 327.4108 Anchoring of vessels in anchoring limitation
 42 | areas.—

- 43 | (1) The following densely populated urban areas, which
- 44 | have narrow state waterways, residential docking facilities, and
- 45 | significant recreational boating traffic, are designated as and
- 46 | shall be considered to be grandfathered-in anchoring limitation
- 47 | areas, within which a person may not anchor a vessel at any time
- 48 | during the period between one-half hour after sunset and one-
- 49 | half hour before sunrise, except as provided in subsections (4)
- 50 | and (5):

51 (c) The sections of Biscayne Bay in Miami-Dade County
 52 lying between:

- 53 1. Palm Island and State Road A1A.
- 54 2. Palm Island and Star Island.
- 55 3. Palm Island and Hibiscus Island.
- 56 4. Palm Island and Watson Island.
- 57 ~~5.2.~~ Rivo Alto Island and Di Lido Island.
- 58 ~~6.3.~~ San Marino Island and Di Lido Island.
- 59 ~~7.4.~~ San Marino Island and San Marco Island.
- 60 ~~8.5.~~ San Marco Island and Biscayne Island.

61 **Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section**
 62 **327.4109, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

63 327.4109 Anchoring or mooring prohibited; exceptions;
 64 penalties.—

65 (1) (a) The owner or operator of a vessel or floating
 66 structure may not anchor or moor such that the nearest approach
 67 of the anchored or moored vessel or floating structure is:

- 68 1. Within 150 feet of any public or private marina, boat
 69 ramp, boatyard, or other public vessel launching or loading
 70 facility;
- 71 2. Within 500 feet of a superyacht repair facility. For
 72 purposes of this subparagraph, the term "superyacht repair
 73 facility" means a facility that services or repairs a yacht with
 74 a water line of 120 feet or more in length; or
- 75 3. Within 300 ~~400~~ feet outward from the marked boundary of

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76 | a public mooring field or a lesser distance if approved by the
77 | commission upon request of a local government within which the
78 | mooring field is located. The commission may adopt rules to
79 | implement this subparagraph.

80 | **Section 4.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.