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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 specified purposes; specifying boundary limits for
6 no anchoring or mooring zones; authorizing certain
7 seaports to apply to the Fish and Wildlife
8 Conservation Commission to establish no anchoring or
9 mooring zones; requiring an applicant to hold a
10 specified number of public hearings; authorizing the
11 commission to consult with other entities; authorizing
12 the commission to modify no anchoring or mooring zone
13 boundaries; requiring certain seaports to annually
14 review the boundaries of approved no anchoring or
15 mooring zones and submit a revised application under
16 certain circumstances; requiring that certain
17 information be included in seaport security plans and
18 seaport strategic plans; providing an effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. Section 311.104, Florida Statutes, is created to
23 read:

24 311.104 Designation of no anchoring or mooring zones.-

25 (1) Each seaport listed in s. 311.09(1) may designate no
26 anchoring or mooring zones for all of the following purposes:

27 (a) Implementing port security measures.

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

29 (c) Promoting the safety and security of residents and

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30 visitors of this state.

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

33 (2) The boundary of any designated no anchoring or mooring
34 zone may not exceed 5,000 feet from a seaport entrance or pier
35 or wharf adjacent to a seaport channel or turning basin.

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

39 (4) Before applying to the commission to establish a no
40 anchoring or mooring zone, an applicant must hold at least two
41 public hearings displaying the boundaries of the proposed no
42 anchoring or mooring zone.

43 (5) The commission may consult with the United States Coast
44 Guard, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the
45 Department of Transportation when considering an application
46 for, and the boundaries of, a no anchoring or mooring zone.

47 (6) When considering an application for a no anchoring or
48 mooring zone, the commission may modify the proposed boundaries
49 of such no anchoring or mooring zone.

50 (7) After approval of a no anchoring or mooring zone, the
51 seaport must review the no anchoring or mooring zone boundaries
52 annually and, if necessary, submit a revised application to the
53 commission with any proposed modifications to the boundaries.

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

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