

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 certain information
 17 to be included in seaport security plans and seaport
 18 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**
 23 **to 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
29 | impeded.

30 | (c) Promoting the safety and security of residents and
31 | visitors of this state.

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

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

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

40 | (4) Before applying to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
41 | Commission to establish a no anchoring or mooring zone, an
42 | applicant must hold at least two public hearings displaying the
43 | boundaries of the proposed no anchoring or mooring zone.

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

49 | (6) When considering an application for a no anchoring or
50 | mooring zone, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission may

51 modify the proposed boundaries of such no anchoring or mooring
52 zone.

53 (7) After approval of a no anchoring or mooring zone, the
54 seaport must review the no anchoring or mooring zone boundaries
55 annually, and if necessary, submit a revised application to the
56 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission with any proposed
57 modifications to the boundaries.

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

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