A bill to be entitled An act relating to anchoring and mooring at seaports; creating s. 311.104, F.S.; authorizing certain seaports to designate no anchoring or mooring zones for certain boats anchored in certain waters for a specified time period for specified purposes; specifying boundary limits for no anchoring or mooring zones; authorizing certain seaports to apply to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to establish no anchoring or mooring zones; requiring an applicant to hold a specified number of public hearings; requiring the commission to consult with other entities; authorizing the commission to modify no anchoring or mooring zone boundaries; requiring certain seaports to annually review the boundaries of approved no anchoring or mooring zones and submit a revised application under certain circumstances; requiring certain information to be included in seaport security plans and seaport strategic plans; providing an effective date.

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

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CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

26	311.104 Designation of no anchoring or mooring zones
27	(1) Each seaport listed in s. 311.09(1) may designate no
28	anchoring or mooring zones for uninsured boats anchored for more
29	than 45 days in the waters surrounding the seaport as required
30	in s. 327.4109 for all of the following purposes:
31	(a) Implementing port security measures.
32	(b) Ensuring freight and passenger commerce is not
33	impeded.
34	(c) Promoting the safety and security of residents and
35	visitors of this state.
36	(d) Maintaining and protecting the flow of legitimate
37	trade and travel at all times.
38	(2) The boundary of any designated no anchoring or mooring
39	zone may not exceed:
40	(a) Within the navigational harbor of the seaport, 1,250
41	feet from a navigation channel that provides entrance to the
42	harbor or from a pier or wharf adjacent to a navigation channel
43	or turning basin; or
44	(b) Beyond the navigational harbor of the seaport, 500
45	feet from a navigation channel that provides entrance to the
46	harbor.
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48	The navigational harbor of the seaport includes navigation
49	channels, turning basins, navigation aids, and breakwaters and
50	<u>jetties.</u>

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

- (4) Before applying to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to establish a no anchoring or mooring zone, an applicant must hold at least two public hearings displaying the boundaries of the proposed no anchoring or mooring zone.
- (5) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall consult with the United States Coast Guard, the United States

 Army Corps of Engineers, and the Department of Transportation when considering an application for, and the boundaries of, a no anchoring or mooring zone.
- (6) When considering an application for a no anchoring or mooring zone, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission may modify the proposed boundaries of such no anchoring or mooring zone.
- (7) After approval of a no anchoring or mooring zone, the seaport must review the no anchoring or mooring zone boundaries annually, and if necessary, submit a revised application to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission with any proposed modifications to the boundaries.
- (8) Each seaport must include in its seaport security plan and in its seaport strategic plan, as required under ss. 311.12 and 311.14, respectively, any approved no anchoring or mooring zones that are in effect.

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

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