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2 An act relating to vessels; amending s. 327.45, F.S.;
3 specifying that the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
4 Commission's authorization to establish protection
5 zones includes modifying the allowable means of
6 certain vessel positioning to prevent significant harm
7 to certain springs; revising what constitutes
8 significant harm; amending s. 327.56, F.S.;
9 prohibiting an officer from performing a vessel stop
10 or boarding a vessel without probable cause;
11 prohibiting an officer from performing a vessel stop
12 or boarding a vessel under certain circumstances;
13 providing that a violation of safety or marine
14 sanitation equipment requirements is a secondary
15 rather than a primary offense; amending s. 327.70,
16 F.S.; requiring the commission, in coordination with
17 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles,
18 to create the "Florida Freedom Boater" safety
19 inspection decal for specified purposes; providing for
20 the award of such decal; providing requirements for
21 such decal; authorizing an officer to stop a vessel
22 for a lawful purpose when the officer has probable
23 cause or knowledge to believe a violation of certain
24 provisions has occurred or is occurring; creating s.
25 327.75, F.S.; providing a short title; defining the
26 terms "energy source" and "watercraft"; prohibiting
27 specified entities from restricting the use or sale of
28 watercraft based on the energy source used by such
29 watercraft; amending s. 379.226, F.S.; revising