A bill to be entitled
An act relating to marina evacuations; amending s.
327.59, F.S.; prohibiting vessels under a specified weight from remaining in certain marinas that have been deemed not suitable for refuge during a hurricane after the issuance of a hurricane watch or warning for the waters of the marina; providing for civil penalties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 327.59, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

327.59 Marina evacuations.—
(1) Except as provided in this section After June 1, 1994, marinas may not adopt, maintain, or enforce policies pertaining to evacuation of vessels which require vessels to be removed from marinas following the issuance of a hurricane watch or warning, in order to ensure that protecting the lives and safety of vessel owners is placed before interests of protecting property.
(5) Upon the issuance of a hurricane watch or warning affecting the waters of marinas located in a deepwater seaport, vessels under 500 gross tons may not remain in the waters of such marinas that have been deemed not suitable for refuge during a hurricane. After the hurricane watch or warning has been issued, the owner or operator of any vessel that has not been removed, pursuant to an order from the seaport, from the
waters of the marina may be subject to the penalties under s. 313.22(3).}  

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.