

CHAPTER 2025-41

House Bill No. 735

An act relating to water access facilities; amending s. 253.0346, F.S.; providing sovereignty submerged land leases for Clean Marine Manufacturer facilities; amending s. 327.47, F.S.; providing competitive grant programs for the construction and maintenance of publicly owned parking for boat-hauling vehicles and trailers; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 253.0346, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

253.0346 Lease of sovereignty submerged lands for marinas, boatyards, mooring fields, and marine manufacturers and retailers.—

(3) For a facility designated by the department as a Clean Marina, Clean Boatyard, Clean Marine Manufacturer, or Clean Marine Retailer under the Clean Marina Program:

(a) A discount of 10 percent on the annual lease fee shall apply if the facility:

1. Actively maintains designation under the program.
2. Complies with the terms of the lease.
3. Does not change use during the term of the lease.

(b) Extended-term lease surcharges shall be waived if the facility:

1. Actively maintains designation under the program.
2. Complies with the terms of the lease.
3. Does not change use during the term of the lease.
4. Is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

(c) If the facility is in arrears on lease fees or fails to comply with paragraph (b), the facility is not eligible for the discount or waiver under this subsection until arrears have been paid and compliance with the program has been met.

Section 2. Section 327.47, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

327.47 Competitive grant programs.—The commission shall develop and administer competitive grant programs funded with moneys transferred pursuant to s. 206.606(1)(d). Grants may be awarded for the construction

and maintenance of publicly owned parking for boat-hauling vehicles and trailers, boat ramps, piers, and docks; boater education; deployment of manatee technical avoidance technology; and economic development initiatives that promote boating in the state. The commission may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 120 to implement this section.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor May 19, 2025.

Filed in Office Secretary of State May 19, 2025.