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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, the Alabama State Law  
6 Enforcement Agency is responsible for enforcing the  
7 laws regarding the operation of vessels on waters under  
8 the jurisdiction of this state.

9 This bill would prohibit a law enforcement  
10 officer from stopping or boarding a vessel for the  
11 purpose of performing a safety or marine sanitation  
12 equipment inspection.

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16 A BILL

17 TO BE ENTITLED

18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to vessels; to prohibit law enforcement  
21 officers from stopping or boarding vessels for safety or  
22 marine sanitation equipment inspections.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. (a) A law enforcement officer may not stop  
25 or board a vessel for the sole purpose of performing a safety  
26 inspection or marine sanitation equipment inspection.

27 (b) For the purposes of this section, the term "vessel"  
28 has the meaning as defined in Section 33-5-3, Code of Alabama



29 1975.

30 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,  
31 2026.