



SYNOPSIS:

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

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

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

(b) For the purposes of this section, the term "vessel" 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.