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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 require law enforcement officers
10 to have probable cause to believe a violation of law
11 has occurred before stopping and boarding a vessel.

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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT

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19 Relating to vessels; to require law enforcement
20 officers to have probable cause to believe a violation of law
21 has occurred before stopping and boarding a vessel.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. (a) No law enforcement officer may stop and
24 board any vessel in waters under the jurisdiction of this
25 state unless there is probable cause to believe a violation of
26 state law has occurred.

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

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29 1975.

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