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H. R. 3014

To amend title 46, United States Code, to ensure the safety of barges carrying oil or hazardous material in bulk on lakes, bays, or sounds of the United States, by establishing equipment and manning requirements for those barges.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 1996

Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, and Mr. GEJDENSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Barge Safety Act of
5 1996”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN BARGES**
2 **CARRYING OIL OR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IN**
3 **BULK.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 37 of title 46, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
6 ing new section:

7 **“§ 3719. Special requirements for tank barges**

8 “(a) A tank barge carrying oil or hazardous material
9 on lakes, bays, or sounds in the United States shall be—

10 “(1) equipped with an operable anchor system,
11 including—

12 “(A) an anchor that is suitable for a sea-
13 going barge;

14 “(B) an anchor chain; and

15 “(C) a windlass; and

16 “(2) manned.

17 “(b) Subsection (a)(2) does not apply to a tank barge
18 that is equipped with a double hull.

19 “(c) The Secretary shall issue regulations implement-
20 ing this section, including regulations prescribing—

21 “(1) dimensions for anchors required under this
22 section; and

23 “(2) training requirements for individuals man-
24 ning tank barges under this section.

25 “(d) In this section, the term ‘tank barge’ means a
26 barge that is a tank vessel.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 at the beginning of chapter 33 of title 46, United States
3 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
4 item:

“3719. Special requirements for tank barges.”.

5 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDMENTS.—The
6 amendments made by this section shall take effect 1 year
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

8 (d) ISSUANCE OF REGULATIONS.—The Secretary
9 shall issue regulations required by the amendments made
10 by this section by not later than 1 year after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act.

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