

104TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 535

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue certificates of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in coastwise trade for each of 2 vessels named GALLANT LADY, subject to certain conditions, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. VESSEL DOCUMENTATION.**

2 (a) **AUTHORITY TO DOCUMENT VESSELS.—**

3 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Notwithstanding section 27
4 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 App. U.S.C.
5 883), section 8 of the Act of June 19, 1886 (24
6 Stat. 81, chapter 421; 46 App. U.S.C. 289), and
7 section 12106 of title 46, United States Code, and
8 subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary of Transpor-
9 tation may issue a certificate of documentation with
10 an appropriate endorsement for employment in
11 coastwise trade for each of the following vessels:

12 (A) **GALLANT LADY** (Feadship hull
13 number 645, approximately 130 feet in length).

14 (B) **GALLANT LADY** (Feadship hull
15 number 651, approximately 172 feet in length).

16 (2) **LIMITATION ON OPERATION.—**Coastwise
17 trade authorized under a certificate of documenta-
18 tion issued for a vessel under this section shall be
19 limited to the carriage of passengers in association
20 with contributions to charitable organizations no
21 portion of which is received, directly or indirectly, by
22 the owner of the vessel.

23 (3) **CONDITION.—**The Secretary may not issue
24 a certificate of documentation for a vessel under
25 paragraph (1) unless, not later than 90 days after
26 the date of enactment of this Act, the owner of the

1 vessel referred to in paragraph (1)(B) submits to the
2 Secretary a letter expressing the intent of the owner
3 to, before April 1, 1997, enter into a contract for
4 the construction in the United States of a passenger
5 vessel of at least 130 feet in length.

6 (4) EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTIFICATES.—A
7 certificate of documentation issued under paragraph
8 (1) shall take effect—

9 (A) for the vessel referred to in paragraph
10 (1)(A), on the date of the issuance of the cer-
11 tificate; and

12 (B) for the vessel referred to in paragraph
13 (1)(B), on the date of delivery of the vessel to
14 the owner.

15 (b) TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF CERTIFI-
16 CATES.—A certificate of documentation issued for a vessel
17 under subsection (a)(1) shall expire—

18 (1) on the date of the sale of the vessel by the
19 owner;

20 (2) on April 1, 1997, if the owner of the vessel
21 referred to in subsection (a)(1)(B) has not entered
22 into a contract for construction of a vessel in accord-
23 ance with the letter of intent submitted to the Sec-
24 retary under subsection (a)(3); or

1 (3) on such date as a contract referred to in
2 paragraph (2) is breached, rescinded, or terminated
3 (other than for completion of performance of the
4 contract) by the owner of the vessel referred to in
5 subsection (a)(1)(B).

Passed the Senate July 29, 1996.

Attest:

Secretary.

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