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# H. R. 6023

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2006

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. ABERCROMBIE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. NOTIFICATION OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF IN-**  
2 **VESTIGATION.**

3 If a citizen of the United States is the victim of a  
4 crime of violence against the person of the victim (as de-  
5 fined in section 16 of title 18, United States Code) while  
6 at sea on a foreign vessel (other than a ferry) that has  
7 the capacity to transport more than 100 passengers, the  
8 owner or operator of the vessel shall notify the Director  
9 of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and shall provide  
10 to the Director all information concerning such incident,  
11 not later than 24 hours after the owner or operator be-  
12 comes aware of the incident.

13 **SEC. 2. ENFORCEMENT.**

14 If the owner or operator of a foreign vessel does not  
15 notify and provide information following an incident de-  
16 scribed in section 1 within the 24-hour period required by  
17 section 1, that vessel and any other foreign vessel under  
18 the control of the owner or operator may not use a port  
19 of the United States, except during an emergency as de-  
20 fined by the Secretary of the department in which the  
21 Coast Guard is operating.

22 **SEC. 3. STATISTICS.**

23 The Attorney General shall keep statistics on the  
24 crimes reported pursuant to section 1 and shall periodi-  
25 cally publish a report on such statistics.

1 **SEC. 4. REGULATIONS.**

2 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment  
3 of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the  
4 Coast Guard is operating shall issue such regulations as  
5 may be necessary to carry out section 2 of this Act.

6 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act, the terms “citizen of the United States”,  
8 “foreign vessel”, “passenger”, and “United States” have  
9 the meaning such terms have under section 2101 of title  
10 46, United States Code.

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