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1ST SESSION**S. 1640**

To amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the definitions of a hull and a deck.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 18, 2007

Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

OCTOBER 4, 2007

Reported by Mr. LEAHY, without amendment

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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. VESSEL HULL DESIGN PROTECTION.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
5 “Vessel Hull Design Protection Amendments of 2007”.

1 (b) DESIGNS PROTECTED.—Section 1301(a) of title
2 17, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph
3 (2) and inserting the following:

4 “(2) VESSEL FEATURES.—The design of a ves-
5 sel hull, deck, or combination of a hull and deck, in-
6 cluding a plug or mold, is subject to protection
7 under this chapter, notwithstanding section
8 1302(4).”.

9 (c) DEFINITIONS.—Section 1301(b) of title 17,
10 United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “vessel hull,
12 including a plug or mold,” and inserting “vessel hull
13 or deck, including a plug or mold,”;

14 (2) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the
15 following:

16 “(4) A ‘hull’ is the exterior frame or body of a
17 vessel, exclusive of the deck, superstructure, masts,
18 sails, yards, rigging, hardware, fixtures, and other
19 attachments.”; and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(7) A ‘deck’ is the horizontal surface of a ves-
22 sel that covers the hull, including exterior cabin and
23 cockpit surfaces, and exclusive of masts, sails, yards,
24 rigging, hardware, fixtures, and other attachments.”.

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