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# S. 2444

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## AN ACT

To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal  
year 2015, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Howard Coble Coast  
3 Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014”.

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# 1           **TITLE I—AUTHORIZATION**

## 2   **SEC. 101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

3           Funds are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal  
4 year 2015 for necessary expenses of the Coast Guard as  
5 follows:

6           (1) For the operation and maintenance of the  
7 Coast Guard, \$6,981,036,000.

8           (2) For the acquisition, construction, rebuild-  
9 ing, and improvement of aids to navigation, shore  
10 and offshore facilities, vessels, and aircraft, includ-  
11 ing equipment related thereto, \$1,546,448,000, to  
12 remain available until expended.

13           (3) For the Coast Guard Reserve program, in-  
14 cluding personnel and training costs, equipment, and  
15 services, \$140,016,000.

16           (4) For environmental compliance and restora-  
17 tion of Coast Guard vessels, aircraft, and facilities  
18 (other than parts and equipment associated with op-  
19 eration and maintenance), \$16,701,000, to remain  
20 available until expended.

21           (5) To the Commandant of the Coast Guard for  
22 research, development, test, and evaluation of tech-  
23 nologies, materials, and human factors directly re-  
24 lated to improving the performance of the Coast

1 Guard's mission with respect to search and rescue,  
2 aids to navigation, marine safety, marine environ-  
3 mental protection, enforcement of laws and treaties,  
4 ice operations, oceanographic research, and defense  
5 readiness, \$19,890,000.

6 (6) For alteration or removal of bridges over  
7 navigable waters of the United States constituting  
8 obstructions to navigation, and for personnel and  
9 administrative costs associated with the Alteration of  
10 Bridges Program, \$16,000,000.

11 **SEC. 102. AUTHORIZED LEVELS OF MILITARY STRENGTH**  
12 **AND TRAINING.**

13 (a) **ACTIVE DUTY STRENGTH.**—The Coast Guard is  
14 authorized an end-of-year strength for active duty per-  
15 sonnel of 43,000 for fiscal year 2015.

16 (b) **MILITARY TRAINING STUDENT LOADS.**—The  
17 Coast Guard is authorized average military training stu-  
18 dent loads for fiscal year 2015 as follows:

19 (1) For recruit and special training, 2,500 stu-  
20 dent years.

21 (2) For flight training, 165 student years.

22 (3) For professional training in military and ci-  
23 vilian institutions, 350 student years.

24 (4) For officer acquisition, 1,200 student years.

1           **TITLE II—COAST GUARD**

2   **SEC. 201. COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.**

3           Section 42(a) of title 14, United States Code, is  
4 amended by striking “7,200” and inserting “6,900”.

5   **SEC. 202. COMMANDANT; APPOINTMENT.**

6           Section 44 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-  
7 ed by inserting after the first sentence the following: “The  
8 term of an appointment, and any reappointment, shall  
9 begin on June 1 of the appropriate year and end on May  
10 31 of the appropriate year, except that, in the event of  
11 death, retirement, resignation, or reassignment, or when  
12 the needs of the Service demand, the Secretary may alter  
13 the date on which a term begins or ends if the alteration  
14 does not result in the term exceeding a period of 4 years.”.

15   **SEC. 203. PREVENTION AND RESPONSE WORKFORCES.**

16           Section 57 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-  
17 ed—

18           (1) in subsection (b)—

19                   (A) in paragraph (2) by striking “or” at  
20 the end;

21                   (B) in paragraph (3) by striking the period  
22 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

23                   (C) by adding at the end the following:

24                   “(4) waterways operations manager shall have  
25 knowledge, skill, and practical experience with re-

1 spect to marine transportation system management;  
 2 or

3 “(5) port and facility safety and security spe-  
 4 cialist shall have knowledge, skill, and practical ex-  
 5 perience with respect to the safety, security, and en-  
 6 vironmental protection responsibilities associated  
 7 with maritime ports and facilities.”;

8 (2) in subsection (c) by striking “or marine  
 9 safety engineer” and inserting “marine safety engi-  
 10 neer, waterways operations manager, or port and fa-  
 11 cility safety and security specialist”; and

12 (3) in subsection (f)(2) by striking “investigator  
 13 or marine safety engineer.” and inserting “investi-  
 14 gator, marine safety engineer, waterways operations  
 15 manager, or port and facility safety and security  
 16 specialist.”.

17 **SEC. 204. CENTERS OF EXPERTISE.**

18 Section 58(b) of title 14, United States Code, is  
 19 amended to read as follows:

20 “(b) MISSIONS.—Any center established under sub-  
 21 section (a) shall—

22 “(1) promote, facilitate, and conduct—

23 “(A) education;

24 “(B) training; and

1           “(C) activities authorized under section  
2           93(a)(4);

3           “(2) be a repository of information on oper-  
4           ations, practices, and resources related to the mis-  
5           sion for which the center was established; and

6           “(3) perform and support the mission for which  
7           the center was established.”.

8 **SEC. 205. PENALTIES.**

9           (a) AID TO NAVIGATION AND FALSE DISTRESS  
10          MESSAGES.—Chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code,  
11          is amended—

12           (1) in section 83 by striking “\$100” and insert-  
13           ing “\$1,500”;

14           (2) in section 84 by striking “\$500” and insert-  
15           ing “\$1,500”;

16           (3) in section 85 by striking “\$100” and insert-  
17           ing “\$1,500”; and

18           (4) in section 88(c)(2) by striking “\$5,000”  
19           and inserting “\$10,000”.

20           (b) UNAUTHORIZED USE OF WORDS “COAST  
21          GUARD”.—Section 639 of title 14, United States Code,  
22          is amended by striking “\$1,000” and inserting  
23          “\$10,000”.



1 **SEC. 206. AGREEMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 93(a)(4) of title 14,  
3 United States Code, is amended—

4 (1) by striking “, investigate” and inserting  
5 “and investigate”; and

6 (2) by striking “, and cooperate and coordinate  
7 such activities with other Government agencies and  
8 with private agencies”.

9 (b) AUTHORITY.—Chapter 5 of title 14, United  
10 States Code, as amended by this Act, is further amended  
11 by adding at the end the following:

12 **“§ 102. Agreements**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out section 93(a)(4),  
14 the Commandant may—

15 “(1) enter into cooperative agreements, con-  
16 tracts, and other agreements with—

17 “(A) Federal entities;

18 “(B) other public or private entities in the  
19 United States, including academic entities; and

20 “(C) foreign governments with the concur-  
21 rence of the Secretary of State; and

22 “(2) impose on and collect from an entity sub-  
23 ject to an agreement or contract under paragraph  
24 (1) a fee to assist with expenses incurred in carrying  
25 out such section.

1       “(b) DEPOSIT AND USE OF FEES.—Fees collected  
 2 under this section shall be deposited in the general fund  
 3 of the Treasury as offsetting receipts. The fees may be  
 4 used, to the extent provided in advance in an appropria-  
 5 tion law, only to carry out activities under section  
 6 93(a)(4).”.

7       (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such  
 8 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following:  
 “102. Agreements.”.

9   **SEC. 207. TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COVERAGE OF**  
 10                           **TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL MA-**  
 11                           **TERIALS.**

12       Section 93(a)(7) of title 14, United States Code, is  
 13 amended by inserting “and the textbooks, manuals, and  
 14 other materials required as part of such training or course  
 15 of instruction” after “correspondence courses”.

16   **SEC. 208. COAST GUARD HOUSING.**

17       (a) COMMANDANT; GENERAL POWERS.—Section  
 18 93(a)(13) of title 14, United States Code, is amended by  
 19 striking “the Treasury” and inserting “the fund estab-  
 20 lished under section 687”.

21       (b) LIGHTHOUSE PROPERTY.—Section 672a(b) of  
 22 title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking “the  
 23 Treasury” and inserting “the fund established under sec-  
 24 tion 687”.

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 687(b) of  
 2 title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
 3 end the following:

4 “(4) Monies received under section 93(a)(13).

5 “(5) Amounts received under section 672a(b).”.

6 **SEC. 209. LEASE AUTHORITY.**

7 Section 93 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-  
 8 ed by adding at the end the following:

9 “(f) LEASING OF TIDELANDS AND SUBMERGED  
 10 LANDS.—

11 “(1) AUTHORITY.—The Commandant may lease  
 12 under subsection (a)(13) submerged lands and tide-  
 13 lands under the control of the Coast Guard without  
 14 regard to the limitation under that subsection with  
 15 respect to lease duration.

16 “(2) LIMITATION.—The Commandant may  
 17 lease submerged lands and tidelands under para-  
 18 graph (1) only if—

19 “(A) lease payments are—

20 “(i) received exclusively in the form of  
 21 cash;

22 “(ii) equal to the fair market value of  
 23 the use of the leased submerged lands or  
 24 tidelands for the period during which such

1           lands are leased, as determined by the  
2           Commandant; and

3                   “(iii) deposited in the fund established  
4           under section 687; and

5                   “(B) the lease does not provide authority  
6           to or commit the Coast Guard to use or support  
7           any improvements to such submerged lands or  
8           tidelands, or obtain goods or services from the  
9           lessee.”.

10 **SEC. 210. NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS.**

11       (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 5 of title 14, United  
12 States Code, as amended by this Act, is further amended  
13 by adding at the end the following:

14 **“§ 103. Notification of certain determinations**

15       “(a) IN GENERAL.—At least 90 days prior to making  
16 a final determination that a waterway, or a portion there-  
17 of, is navigable for purposes of the jurisdiction of the  
18 Coast Guard, the Commandant shall provide notification  
19 regarding the proposed determination to—

20                   “(1) the Governor of each State in which such  
21 waterway, or portion thereof, is located;

22                   “(2) the public; and

23                   “(3) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
24 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on

1 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of  
2 Representatives.

3 “(b) **CONTENT REQUIREMENT.**—Each notification  
4 provided under subsection (a) to an entity specified in  
5 paragraph (3) of that subsection shall include—

6 “(1) an analysis of whether vessels operating on  
7 the waterway, or portion thereof, subject to the pro-  
8 posed determination are subject to inspection or  
9 similar regulation by State or local officials;

10 “(2) an analysis of whether operators of com-  
11 mercial vessels on such waterway, or portion thereof,  
12 are subject to licensing or similar regulation by  
13 State or local officials; and

14 “(3) an estimate of the annual costs that the  
15 Coast Guard may incur in conducting operations on  
16 such waterway, or portion thereof.”.

17 (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The analysis for such  
18 chapter, as amended by this Act, is further amended by  
19 adding at the end the following:

“103. Notification of certain determinations.”.

20 **SEC. 211. ANNUAL BOARD OF VISITORS.**

21 Section 194 of title 14, United States Code, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 194. Annual Board of Visitors**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A Board of Visitors to the Coast  
3 Guard Academy is established to review and make rec-  
4 ommendations on the operation of the Academy.

5 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The membership of the  
7 Board shall consist of the following:

8 “(A) The chairman of the Committee on  
9 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the  
10 Senate, or the chairman’s designee.

11 “(B) The chairman of the Committee on  
12 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House  
13 of Representatives, or the chairman’s designee.

14 “(C) 3 Members of the Senate designated  
15 by the Vice President.

16 “(D) 4 Members of the House of Rep-  
17 resentatives designated by the Speaker of the  
18 House of Representatives.

19 “(E) 6 individuals designated by the Presi-  
20 dent.

21 “(2) LENGTH OF SERVICE.—

22 “(A) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—A Member  
23 of Congress designated under subparagraph (C)  
24 or (D) of paragraph (1) as a member of the  
25 Board shall be designated as a member in the

1 First Session of a Congress and serve for the  
2 duration of that Congress.

3 “(B) INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY THE  
4 PRESIDENT.—Each individual designated by the  
5 President under subparagraph (E) of para-  
6 graph (1) shall serve as a member of the Board  
7 for 3 years, except that any such member whose  
8 term of office has expired shall continue to  
9 serve until a successor is appointed.

10 “(3) DEATH OR RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER.—  
11 If a member of the Board dies or resigns, a suc-  
12 cessor shall be designated for any unexpired portion  
13 of the term of the member by the official who des-  
14 ignated the member.

15 “(c) ACADEMY VISITS.—

16 “(1) ANNUAL VISIT.—The Board shall visit the  
17 Academy annually to review the operation of the  
18 Academy.

19 “(2) ADDITIONAL VISITS.—With the approval  
20 of the Secretary, the Board or individual members  
21 of the Board may make other visits to the Academy  
22 in connection with the duties of the Board or to con-  
23 sult with the Superintendent of the Academy.

24 “(d) SCOPE OF REVIEW.—The Board shall review,  
25 with respect to the Academy—

1           “(1) the state of morale and discipline;  
2           “(2) the curriculum;  
3           “(3) instruction;  
4           “(4) physical equipment;  
5           “(5) fiscal affairs; and  
6           “(6) other matters relating to the Academy that  
7           the Board determines appropriate.

8           “(e) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date  
9           of an annual visit of the Board under subsection (c)(1),  
10          the Board shall submit to the Secretary, the Committee  
11          on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate,  
12          and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
13          of the House of Representatives a report on the actions  
14          of the Board during such visit and the recommendations  
15          of the Board pertaining to the Academy.

16          “(f) ADVISORS.—If approved by the Secretary, the  
17          Board may consult with advisors in carrying out this sec-  
18          tion.

19          “(g) REIMBURSEMENT.—Each member of the Board  
20          and each adviser consulted by the Board under subsection  
21          (f) shall be reimbursed, to the extent permitted by law,  
22          by the Coast Guard for actual expenses incurred while en-  
23          gaged in duties as a member or adviser.”.



1 **SEC. 212. FLAG OFFICERS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 14, United States Code, is  
3 amended by inserting after section 295 the following:

4 **“§ 296. Flag officers**

5 “During any period in which the Coast Guard is not  
6 operating as a service in the Navy, section 1216(d) of title  
7 10 does not apply with respect to flag officers of the Coast  
8 Guard.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
10 ter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-  
11 serting after the item relating to section 295 the following:

“296. Flag officers.”.

12 **SEC. 213. REPEAL OF LIMITATION ON MEDALS OF HONOR.**

13 Section 494 of title 14, United States Code, is  
14 amended by striking “medal of honor,” each place it ap-  
15 pears.

16 **SEC. 214. COAST GUARD FAMILY SUPPORT AND CHILD**  
17 **CARE.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 14, United States Code, as  
19 amended by this Act, is further amended by inserting after  
20 chapter 13 the following:

21 **“CHAPTER 14—COAST GUARD FAMILY**  
22 **SUPPORT AND CHILD CARE**

“SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

“Sec.

“531. Work-life policies and programs.

“532. Surveys of Coast Guard families.

## “SUBCHAPTER II—COAST GUARD FAMILY SUPPORT

“542. Education and training opportunities for Coast Guard spouses.

“543. Youth sponsorship initiatives.

## “SUBCHAPTER III—COAST GUARD CHILD CARE

“551. Definitions.

“553. Child development center standards and inspections.

“554. Child development center employees.

“555. Parent partnerships with child development centers.

## 1 “SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

2 **“§ 531. Work-life policies and programs**

3 “The Commandant is authorized—

4 “(1) to establish an office for the purpose of de-  
5 veloping, promulgating, and coordinating policies,  
6 programs, and activities related to the families of  
7 Coast Guard members;

8 “(2) to implement and oversee policies, pro-  
9 grams, and activities described in paragraph (1) as  
10 the Commandant considers necessary; and

11 “(3) to perform such other duties as the Com-  
12 mandant considers necessary.

13 **“§ 532. Surveys of Coast Guard families**

14 “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Commandant, in order to de-  
15 termine the effectiveness of Federal policies, programs,  
16 and activities related to the families of Coast Guard mem-  
17 bers, may survey—

18 “(1) any Coast Guard member;

19 “(2) any retired Coast Guard member;



1           “(2) education prerequisites and a professional  
2 license or credential required, by a government or  
3 government-sanctioned licensing body, for an occu-  
4 pation that expands employment and portable career  
5 opportunities for the spouse.

6           “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following  
7 definitions apply:

8           “(1) ELIGIBLE SPOUSE.—

9           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘eligible  
10 spouse’ means the spouse of a member of the  
11 Coast Guard who is serving on active duty and  
12 includes a spouse who receives transitional com-  
13 pensation under section 1059 of title 10.

14           “(B) EXCLUSION.—The term ‘eligible  
15 spouse’ does not include a person who—

16           “(i) is married to, but legally sepa-  
17 rated from, a member of the Coast Guard  
18 under a court order or statute of any State  
19 or territorial possession of the United  
20 States; or

21           “(ii) is eligible for tuition assistance  
22 as a member of the Armed Forces.

23           “(2) PORTABLE CAREER.—The term ‘portable  
24 career’ includes an occupation that requires edu-  
25 cation, training, or both that results in a credential

1 that is recognized by an industry, profession, or spe-  
2 cific type of business.

3 **“§ 543. Youth sponsorship initiatives**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant is authorized  
5 to establish, within any Coast Guard unit, an initiative  
6 to help integrate into new surroundings the dependent  
7 children of members of the Coast Guard who received per-  
8 manent change of station orders.

9 “(b) DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE.—An initiative es-  
10 tablished under subsection (a) shall—

11 “(1) provide for the involvement of a dependent  
12 child of a member of the Coast Guard in the de-  
13 pendent child’s new Coast Guard community; and

14 “(2) primarily focus on preteen and teenaged  
15 children.

16 “(c) AUTHORITY.—In carrying out an initiative  
17 under subsection (a), the Commandant may—

18 “(1) provide to a dependent child of a member  
19 of the Coast Guard information on youth programs  
20 and activities available in the dependent child’s new  
21 Coast Guard community; and

22 “(2) enter into agreements with nonprofit enti-  
23 ties to provide youth programs and activities to such  
24 child.

## 1 “SUBCHAPTER III—COAST GUARD CHILD CARE

## 2 “§ 551. Definitions

3 “In this subchapter, the following definitions apply:

4 “(1) CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.—The term  
5 ‘child abuse and neglect’ has the meaning given that  
6 term in section 3 of the Child Abuse Prevention and  
7 Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 note).8 “(2) CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER EM-  
9 PLOYEE.—The term ‘child development center em-  
10 ployee’ means a civilian employee of the Coast  
11 Guard who is employed to work in a Coast Guard  
12 child development center without regard to whether  
13 the employee is paid from appropriated or non-  
14 appropriated funds.15 “(3) COAST GUARD CHILD DEVELOPMENT CEN-  
16 TER.—The term ‘Coast Guard child development  
17 center’ means a facility on Coast Guard property or  
18 on property under the jurisdiction of the commander  
19 of a Coast Guard unit at which child care services  
20 are provided for members of the Coast Guard.21 “(4) COMPETITIVE SERVICE POSITION.—The  
22 term ‘competitive service position’ means a position  
23 in the competitive service (as defined in section 2102  
24 of title 5).



1       vidual can report, with respect to a Coast Guard  
2       child development center or a family home daycare—

3               “(A) any suspected violation of—

4                       “(i) standards established under sub-  
5       section (a); or

6                       “(ii) any other applicable law or  
7       standard;

8               “(B) suspected child abuse or neglect; or

9               “(C) any other deficiency.

10               “(2) ANONYMOUS REPORTING.—The Com-  
11       mandant shall ensure that an individual making a  
12       report pursuant to paragraph (1) may do so anony-  
13       mously if so desired by the individual.

14               “(3) PROCEDURES.—The Commandant shall  
15       establish procedures for investigating reports made  
16       pursuant to paragraph (1).

17       **“§ 554. Child development center employees**

18               “(a) TRAINING.—

19                       “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall es-  
20       tablish a training program for Coast Guard child de-  
21       velopment center employees and satisfactory comple-  
22       tion of the training program shall be a condition of  
23       employment for each employee of a Coast Guard  
24       child development center.



1           “(2) TIMING FOR NEW HIRES.—The Com-  
2           mandant shall require each employee of a Coast  
3           Guard child development center to complete the  
4           training program established under paragraph (1)  
5           not later than 6 months after the date on which the  
6           employee is hired.

7           “(3) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—The training  
8           program established under paragraph (1) shall in-  
9           clude, at a minimum, instruction with respect to—

10           “(A) early childhood development;

11           “(B) activities and disciplinary techniques  
12           appropriate to children of different ages;

13           “(C) child abuse and neglect prevention  
14           and detection; and

15           “(D) cardiopulmonary resuscitation and  
16           other emergency medical procedures.

17           “(4) USE OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PRO-  
18           GRAMS.—The Commandant may use Department of  
19           Defense training programs, on a reimbursable or  
20           nonreimbursable basis, for purposes of this sub-  
21           section.

22           “(b) TRAINING AND CURRICULUM SPECIALISTS.—

23           “(1) SPECIALIST REQUIRED.—The Com-  
24           mandant shall require that at least 1 employee at  
25           each Coast Guard child development center be a spe-

1 specialist in training and curriculum development with  
2 appropriate credentials and experience.

3 “(2) DUTIES.—The duties of the specialist de-  
4 scribed in paragraph (1) shall include—

5 “(A) special teaching activities;

6 “(B) daily oversight and instruction of  
7 other child care employees;

8 “(C) daily assistance in the preparation of  
9 lesson plans;

10 “(D) assisting with child abuse and neglect  
11 prevention and detection; and

12 “(E) advising the director of the center on  
13 the performance of the other child care employ-  
14 ees.

15 “(3) COMPETITIVE SERVICE.—Each specialist  
16 described in paragraph (1) shall be an employee in  
17 a competitive service position.

18 **“§ 555. Parent partnerships with child development**  
19 **centers**

20 “(a) PARENT BOARDS.—

21 “(1) FORMATION.—The Commandant shall re-  
22 quire that there be formed at each Coast Guard  
23 child development center a board of parents, to be  
24 composed of parents of children attending the cen-  
25 ter.

1           “(2) FUNCTIONS.—Each board of parents  
2 formed under paragraph (1) shall—

3           “(A) meet periodically with the staff of the  
4 center at which the board is formed and the  
5 commander of the unit served by the center, for  
6 the purpose of discussing problems and con-  
7 cerns; and

8           “(B) be responsible, together with the staff  
9 of the center, for coordinating any parent par-  
10 ticipation initiative established under subsection  
11 (b).

12           “(3) FACA.—The Federal Advisory Committee  
13 Act (5 U.S.C. App.) does not apply to a board of  
14 parents formed under paragraph (1).

15           “(b) PARENT PARTICIPATION INITIATIVE.—The  
16 Commandant is authorized to establish a parent participa-  
17 tion initiative at each Coast Guard child development cen-  
18 ter to encourage and facilitate parent participation in edu-  
19 cational and related activities at the center.”.

20           (b) TRANSFER OF PROVISIONS.—

21           (1) IN GENERAL.—

22           (A) REIMBURSEMENT FOR ADOPTION EX-  
23 PENSES.—Section 514 of title 14, United  
24 States Code, is redesignated as section 541 and

1 transferred to appear before section 542 of such  
2 title, as added by subsection (a) of this section.

3 (B) CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.—

4 Section 515 of title 14, United States Code—

5 (i) is redesignated as section 552 and  
6 transferred to appear after section 551 of  
7 such title, as added by subsection (a) of  
8 this section; and

9 (ii) is amended—

10 (I) in subsection (b)(2)(B) by in-  
11 scribing “and whether a family is par-  
12 ticipating in an initiative established  
13 under section 555(b)” after “family  
14 income”;

15 (II) by striking subsections (c)  
16 and (e); and

17 (III) by redesignating subsection  
18 (d) as subsection (e).

19 (C) DEPENDENT SCHOOL CHILDREN.—

20 Section 657 of title 14, United States Code—

21 (i) is redesignated as section 544 and  
22 transferred to appear after section 543 of  
23 such title, as added by subsection (a) of  
24 this section; and

1                   (ii) is amended in subsection (a) by  
 2                   striking “Except as otherwise” and all that  
 3                   follows through “the Secretary may” and  
 4                   inserting “The Secretary may”.

5                   (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6                   (A) PART I.—The analysis for part I of  
 7                   title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-  
 8                   serting after the item relating to chapter 13 the  
 9                   following:

“14. Coast Guard Family Support and Child Care ..... 531”.

10                   (B) CHAPTER 13.—The analysis for chap-  
 11                   ter 13 of title 14, United States Code, is  
 12                   amended—

13                   (i) by striking the item relating to sec-  
 14                   tion 514; and

15                   (ii) by striking the item relating to  
 16                   section 515.

17                   (C) CHAPTER 14.—The analysis for chap-  
 18                   ter 14 of title 14, United States Code, as added  
 19                   by subsection (a) of this section, is amended by  
 20                   inserting—

21                   (i) before the item relating to section  
 22                   542 the following:

“541. Reimbursement for adoption expenses.”;

1 (ii) after the item relating to section  
2 551 the following:

“552. Child development services.”; and

3 (iii) after the item relating to section  
4 543 the following:

“544. Dependent school children.”.

5 (D) CHAPTER 17.—The analysis for chap-  
6 ter 17 of title 14, United States Code, is  
7 amended by striking the item relating to section  
8 657.

9 (c) COMMANDANT; GENERAL POWERS.—Section  
10 93(a)(7) of title 14, United States Code, as amended by  
11 this Act, is further amended by inserting “, and to eligible  
12 spouses as defined under section 542,” after “Coast  
13 Guard”.

14 (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of Congress  
16 that the amount of funds appropriated for a fiscal  
17 year for operating expenses related to Coast Guard  
18 child development services should not be less than  
19 the amount of the child development center fee re-  
20 ceipts estimated to be collected by the Coast Guard  
21 during that fiscal year.

22 (2) CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER FEE RE-  
23 CEIPTS DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term  
24 “child development center fee receipts” means fees

1       paid by members of the Coast Guard for child care  
2       services provided at Coast Guard child development  
3       centers.

4 **SEC. 215. MISSION NEED STATEMENT.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 569 of title 14, United  
6 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 **“§ 569. Mission need statement**

8       “(a) IN GENERAL.—On the date on which the Presi-  
9 dent submits to Congress a budget for fiscal year 2016  
10 under section 1105 of title 31, on the date on which the  
11 President submits to Congress a budget for fiscal year  
12 2019 under such section, and every 4 years thereafter, the  
13 Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-  
14 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
15 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
16 tation of the Senate an integrated major acquisition mis-  
17 sion need statement.

18       “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following  
19 definitions apply:

20               “(1) INTEGRATED MAJOR ACQUISITION MISSION  
21 NEED STATEMENT.—The term ‘integrated major ac-  
22 quisition mission need statement’ means a document  
23 that—

1           “(A) identifies current and projected gaps  
2           in Coast Guard mission capabilities using mis-  
3           sion hour targets;

4           “(B) explains how each major acquisition  
5           program addresses gaps identified under sub-  
6           paragraph (A) if funded at the levels provided  
7           for such program in the most recently sub-  
8           mitted capital investment plan; and

9           “(C) describes the missions the Coast  
10          Guard will not be able to achieve, by fiscal year,  
11          for each gap identified under subparagraph (A).

12          “(2) MAJOR ACQUISITION PROGRAM.—The term  
13          ‘major acquisition program’ has the meaning given  
14          that term in section 569a(e).

15          “(3) CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN.—The term  
16          ‘capital investment plan’ means the plan required  
17          under section 663(a)(1).”.

18          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
19          ter 15 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by  
20          striking the item relating to section 569 and inserting the  
21          following:

“569. Mission need statement.”.



1 **SEC. 216. TRANSMISSION OF ANNUAL COAST GUARD AU-**  
2 **THORIZATION REQUEST.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 14, United States Code, as  
4 amended by this Act, is further amended by inserting after  
5 section 662 the following:

6 **“§ 662a. Transmission of annual Coast Guard author-**  
7 **ization request**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the  
9 date on which the President submits to Congress a budget  
10 for a fiscal year pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, the  
11 Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-  
12 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
13 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
14 tation of the Senate a Coast Guard authorization request  
15 with respect to such fiscal year.

16 “(b) COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION REQUEST DE-  
17 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘Coast Guard authoriza-  
18 tion request’ means a proposal for legislation that, with  
19 respect to the Coast Guard for the relevant fiscal year—

20 “(1) recommends end strengths for personnel  
21 for that fiscal year, as described in section 661;

22 “(2) recommends authorizations of appropria-  
23 tions for that fiscal year, including with respect to  
24 matters described in section 662; and

1           “(3) addresses any other matter that the Sec-  
2           retary determines is appropriate for inclusion in a  
3           Coast Guard authorization bill.”.

4           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
5           ter 17 of title 14, United States Code, as amended by this  
6           Act, is further amended by inserting after the item relat-  
7           ing to section 662 the following:

“662a. Transmission of annual Coast Guard authorization request.”.

8           **SEC. 217. INVENTORY OF REAL PROPERTY.**

9           (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 17 of title 14, United  
10          States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
11          lowing:

12          **“§ 679. Inventory of real property**

13          “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,  
14          2015, the Commandant shall establish an inventory of all  
15          real property, including submerged lands, under the con-  
16          trol of the Coast Guard, which shall include—

17                  “(1) the size, the location, and any other appro-  
18                  priate description of each unit of such property;

19                  “(2) an assessment of the physical condition of  
20                  each unit of such property, excluding lands;

21                  “(3) a determination of whether each unit of  
22                  such property should be—

23                          “(A) retained to fulfill a current or pro-  
24                          jected Coast Guard mission requirement; or

25                          “(B) subject to divestiture; and

1           “(4) other information the Commandant con-  
2           siders appropriate.

3           “(b) INVENTORY MAINTENANCE.—The Commandant  
4 shall—

5           “(1) maintain the inventory required under sub-  
6           section (a) on an ongoing basis; and

7           “(2) update information on each unit of real  
8           property included in such inventory not later than  
9           30 days after any change relating to the control of  
10          such property.

11          “(c) RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONGRESS.—Not later  
12 than March 30, 2016, and every 5 years thereafter, the  
13 Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-  
14 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
15 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
16 tation of the Senate a report that includes—

17          “(1) a list of all real property under the control  
18          of the Coast Guard and the location of such prop-  
19          erty by property type;

20          “(2) recommendations for divestiture with re-  
21          spect to any units of such property; and

22          “(3) recommendations for consolidating any  
23          units of such property, including—

1           “(A) an estimate of the costs or savings  
2           associated with each recommended consolida-  
3           tion; and

4           “(B) a discussion of the impact that such  
5           consolidation would have on Coast Guard mis-  
6           sion effectiveness.”.

7           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such  
8           chapter, as amended by this Act, is further amended by  
9           adding at the end the following:

“679. Inventory of real property.”.

10 **SEC. 218. RETIRED SERVICE MEMBERS AND DEPENDENTS**

11                           **SERVING ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES.**

12           (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 17 of title 14, United  
13           States Code, as amended by this Act, is further amended  
14           by adding at the end the following:

15 **“§ 680. Retired service members and dependents**  
16                           **servicing on advisory committees**

17           “A committee that—

18                           “(1) advises or assists the Coast Guard with re-  
19           spect to a function that affects a member of the  
20           Coast Guard or a dependent of such a member; and

21                           “(2) includes in its membership a retired Coast  
22           Guard member or a dependent of such a retired  
23           member;

1 shall not be considered an advisory committee under the  
2 Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) solely  
3 because of such membership.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such  
5 chapter, as amended by this Act, is further amended by  
6 inserting after the item relating to section 679 the fol-  
7 lowing:

“680. Retired service members and dependents serving on advisory commit-  
tees.”.

8 **SEC. 219. ACTIVE DUTY FOR EMERGENCY AUGMENTATION**  
9 **OF REGULAR FORCES.**

10 Section 712(a) of title 14, United States Code, is  
11 amended by striking “not more than 60 days in any 4-  
12 month period and”.

13 **SEC. 220. ACQUISITION WORKFORCE EXPEDITED HIRING**  
14 **AUTHORITY.**

15 Section 404(b) of the Coast Guard Authorization Act  
16 of 2010 (Public Law 111–281; 124 Stat. 2951) is amend-  
17 ed by striking “2015” and inserting “2017”.

18 **SEC. 221. COAST GUARD ADMINISTRATIVE SAVINGS.**

19 (a) ELIMINATION OF OUTDATED AND DUPLICATIVE  
20 REPORTS.—

21 (1) MARINE INDUSTRY TRAINING.—Section 59  
22 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

1           (A) by striking “(a) IN GENERAL.—The  
2           Commandant” and inserting “The Com-  
3           mandant”; and

4           (B) by striking subsection (b).

5           (2) OPERATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.—Section  
6           651 of title 14, United States Code, and the item re-  
7           lating to such section in the analysis for chapter 17  
8           of such title, are repealed.

9           (3) DRUG INTERDICTION.—Section 103 of the  
10          Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996 (14 U.S.C.  
11          89 note), and the item relating to that section in the  
12          table of contents in section 2 of that Act, are re-  
13          pealed.

14          (4) NATIONAL DEFENSE.—Section 426 of the  
15          Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (14  
16          U.S.C. 2 note), and the item relating to that section  
17          in the table of contents in section 1(b) of that Act,  
18          are repealed.

19          (5) LIVING MARINE RESOURCES.—Section 4(b)  
20          of the Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act of 2010  
21          (16 U.S.C. 1828 note) is amended by adding at the  
22          end the following: “No report shall be required  
23          under this subsection, including that no report shall  
24          be required under section 224 of the Coast Guard  
25          and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004 or section

1 804 of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transpor-  
2 tation Act of 2006, for fiscal years beginning after  
3 fiscal year 2014.”.

4 (b) CONSOLIDATION AND REFORM OF REPORTING  
5 REQUIREMENTS.—

6 (1) MARINE SAFETY.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 2116(d)(2)(B)  
8 of title 46, United States Code, is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 “(B) on the program’s mission perform-  
11 ance in achieving numerical measurable goals  
12 established under subsection (b), including—

13 “(i) the number of civilian and mili-  
14 tary Coast Guard personnel assigned to  
15 marine safety positions; and

16 “(ii) an identification of marine safety  
17 positions that are understaffed to meet the  
18 workload required to accomplish each ac-  
19 tivity included in the strategy and plans  
20 under subsection (a); and”.

21 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
22 57 of title 14, United States Code, as amended  
23 by this Act, is further amended—

24 (i) by striking subsection (e); and

1                   (ii) by redesignating subsections (f),  
2                   (g), and (h) as subsections (e), (f), and (g)  
3                   respectively.

4                   (2) MINOR CONSTRUCTION.—Section 656(d)(2)  
5                   of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read  
6                   as follows:

7                   “(2) REPORT.—Not later than the date on  
8                   which the President submits to Congress a budget  
9                   under section 1105 of title 31 each year, the Sec-  
10                  retary shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-  
11                  tation and Infrastructure of the House of Represent-  
12                  atives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
13                  and Transportation of the Senate a report describ-  
14                  ing each project carried out under paragraph (1), in  
15                  the most recently concluded fiscal year, for which  
16                  the amount expended under such paragraph for such  
17                  project was more than \$1,000,000. If no such  
18                  project was carried out during a fiscal year, no re-  
19                  port under this paragraph shall be required with re-  
20                  spect to that fiscal year.”.

21 **SEC. 222. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 14.**

22                  Title 14, United States Code, as amended by this Act,  
23                  is further amended—





1 foot, Reliance-Class Cutters operated by the Coast  
2 Guard on the date of enactment of this Act;

3 (2) a schedule and plan for enhancing the  
4 maintenance or extending the service life of each of  
5 the 270-foot, Famous-Class Cutters operated by the  
6 Coast Guard on the date of enactment of this Act—

7 (A) to maintain the capability of the Coast  
8 Guard to carry out sea-going missions with re-  
9 spect to such Cutters at the level of capability  
10 existing on September 30, 2013; and

11 (B) for the period beginning on the date of  
12 enactment of this Act and ending on the date  
13 on which the final Offshore Patrol Cutter is  
14 scheduled to be commissioned under paragraph  
15 (4);

16 (3) an identification of the number of Offshore  
17 Patrol Cutters capable of sea state 5 operations  
18 that, if 8 National Security Cutters are commis-  
19 sioned, are necessary to return the sea state 5 oper-  
20 ating capability of the Coast Guard to the level of  
21 capability that existed prior to the decommissioning  
22 of the first High Endurance Cutter in fiscal year  
23 2011;

1           (4) a schedule and plan for commissioning the  
2           number of Offshore Patrol Cutters identified under  
3           paragraph (3); and

4           (5) a schedule and plan for commissioning, not  
5           later than September 30, 2034, a number of Off-  
6           shore Patrol Cutters not capable of sea state 5 oper-  
7           ations that is equal to—

8                   (A) 25; less

9                   (B) the number of Offshore Patrol Cutters  
10           identified under paragraph (3).

11 **SEC. 225. AVIATION CAPABILITY.**

12           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the department  
13           in which the Coast Guard is operating may—

14                   (1) request and accept through a direct mili-  
15           tary-to-military transfer under section 2571 of title  
16           10, United States Code, such H-60 helicopters as  
17           may be necessary to establish a year-round oper-  
18           ational capability in the Coast Guard’s Ninth Dis-  
19           trict; and

20                   (2) use funds provided under section 101 of  
21           this Act to convert such helicopters to Coast Guard  
22           MH-60T configuration.

23           (b) PROHIBITION.—

24                   (1) IN GENERAL.—The Coast Guard may not—

1 (A) close a Coast Guard air facility that  
2 was in operation on November 30, 2014; or

3 (B) retire, transfer, relocate, or deploy an  
4 aviation asset from an air facility described in  
5 subparagraph (A) for the purpose of closing  
6 such facility.

7 (2) SUNSET.—This subsection is repealed effec-  
8 tive January 1, 2016.

9 **SEC. 226. GAPS IN WRITINGS ON COAST GUARD HISTORY.**

10 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
11 of this Act, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall  
12 submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
13 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on  
14 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
15 resentatives a report on any gaps that exist in writings  
16 on the history of the Coast Guard. The report shall ad-  
17 dress, at a minimum, operations, broad topics, and biog-  
18 raphies with respect to the Coast Guard.

19 **SEC. 227. OFFICER EVALUATION REPORTS.**

20 (a) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180  
21 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-  
22 mandant of the Coast Guard shall provide to the Com-  
23 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the  
24 Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-  
25 structure of the House of Representatives a written as-

1 assessment of the Coast Guard's officer evaluation reporting  
2 system.

3 (b) CONTENTS OF ASSESSMENT.—The assessment  
4 required under subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum,  
5 an analysis of—

6 (1) the extent to which the Coast Guard's offi-  
7 cer evaluation reports differ in length, form, and  
8 content from the officer fitness reports used by the  
9 Navy and other branches of the Armed Forces;

10 (2) the extent to which differences determined  
11 pursuant to paragraph (1) are the result of inherent  
12 differences between—

13 (A) the Coast Guard and the Navy; and

14 (B) the Coast Guard and other branches of  
15 the Armed Forces;

16 (3) the feasibility of more closely aligning and  
17 conforming the Coast Guard's officer evaluation re-  
18 ports with the officer fitness reports of the Navy and  
19 other branches of the Armed Forces; and

20 (4) the costs and benefits of the alignment and  
21 conformity described in paragraph (3), including  
22 with respect to—

23 (A) Coast Guard administrative efficiency;

24 (B) fairness and equity for Coast Guard  
25 officers; and

1           (C) carrying out the Coast Guard’s statu-  
2           tory mission of defense readiness, including  
3           when operating as a service in the Navy.

4 **SEC. 228. IMPROVED SAFETY INFORMATION FOR VESSELS.**

5           Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
6 of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the  
7 Coast Guard is operating shall establish a process that al-  
8 lows an operator of a marine exchange or other non-Fed-  
9 eral vessel traffic information service to use the automatic  
10 identification system to transmit weather, ice, and other  
11 important navigation safety information to vessels.

12 **SEC. 229. E-LORAN.**

13           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the department  
14 in which the Coast Guard is operating may not carry out  
15 activities related to the dismantling or disposal of infra-  
16 structure that supported the former LORAN system until  
17 the later of—

18           (1) the date that is 1 year after the date of en-  
19 actment of this Act; or

20           (2) the date on which the Secretary provides to  
21 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
22 of the House of Representatives and the Committee  
23 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the  
24 Senate notice of a determination by the Secretary  
25 that such infrastructure is not required to provide a

1 positioning, navigation, and timing system to provide  
2 redundant capability in the event GPS signals are  
3 disrupted.

4 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to  
5 activities necessary for the safety of human life.

6 (c) AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may enter into co-  
7 operative agreements, contracts, and other agreements  
8 with Federal entities and other public or private entities,  
9 including academic entities, to develop a positioning, navi-  
10 gation, and timing system, including an enhanced LORAN  
11 system, to provide redundant capability in the event GPS  
12 signals are disrupted.

13 **SEC. 230. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCE DEFICIENCIES WITH RE-**  
14 **SPECT TO MARITIME BORDER SECURITY.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the  
16 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant of the  
17 Coast Guard shall provide to the Committee on Com-  
18 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the  
19 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the  
20 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-  
21 resentatives a report describing any Coast Guard resource  
22 deficiencies related to—

23 (1) securing maritime borders with respect to  
24 the Great Lakes and the coastal areas of the South-  
25 eastern and Southwestern United States, including

1 with respect to Florida, California, Puerto Rico, and  
2 the United States Virgin Islands;

3 (2) patrolling and monitoring maritime ap-  
4 proaches to the areas described in paragraph (1);  
5 and

6 (3) patrolling and monitoring relevant portions  
7 of the Western Hemisphere Drug Transit Zone.

8 (b) SCOPE.—In preparing the report under sub-  
9 section (a), the Commandant shall consider, at a min-  
10 imum—

11 (1) the Coast Guard’s statutory missions with  
12 respect to migrant interdiction, drug interdiction,  
13 defense readiness, living marine resources, and  
14 ports, waterways, and coastal security;

15 (2) whether Coast Guard missions are being ex-  
16 ecuted to meet national performance targets set  
17 under the National Drug Control Strategy;

18 (3) the number and types of cutters and other  
19 vessels required to effectively execute Coast Guard  
20 missions;

21 (4) the number and types of aircraft, including  
22 unmanned aircraft, required to effectively execute  
23 Coast Guard missions;



1           (5) the number of assets that require upgraded  
2       sensor and communications systems to effectively  
3       execute Coast Guard missions;

4           (6) the Deployable Specialized Forces required  
5       to effectively execute Coast Guard missions; and

6           (7) whether additional shoreside facilities are  
7       required to accommodate Coast Guard personnel  
8       and assets in support of Coast Guard missions.

9       **SEC. 231. MODERNIZATION OF NATIONAL DISTRESS AND**  
10                                   **RESPONSE SYSTEM.**

11       (a) **REPORT.**—Not later than 60 days after the date  
12       of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the department  
13       in which the Coast Guard is operating shall submit to the  
14       Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the  
15       House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-  
16       merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report  
17       on the implementation of the Rescue 21 project in Alaska  
18       and in Coast Guard sectors Upper Mississippi River,  
19       Lower Mississippi River, and Ohio River Valley.

20       (b) **CONTENTS.**—The report required under sub-  
21       section (a) shall—

22           (1) describe what improvements are being made  
23       to the distress response system in the areas specified  
24       in subsection (a), including information on which

1 areas will receive digital selective calling and direc-  
2 tion finding capability;

3 (2) describe the impediments to installing dig-  
4 ital selective calling and direction finding capability  
5 in areas where such technology will not be installed;

6 (3) identify locations in the areas specified in  
7 subsection (a) where communication gaps will con-  
8 tinue to present a risk to mariners after completion  
9 of the Rescue 21 project;

10 (4) include a list of all reported marine acci-  
11 dents, casualties, and fatalities occurring in the loca-  
12 tions identified under paragraph (3) since 1990; and

13 (5) provide an estimate of the costs associated  
14 with installing the technology necessary to close  
15 communication gaps in the locations identified under  
16 paragraph (3).

17 **SEC. 232. REPORT RECONCILING MAINTENANCE AND**  
18 **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES ON THE MISSOURI**  
19 **RIVER.**

20 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
21 of this Act, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall  
22 submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
23 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on  
24 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
25 resentatives a report that outlines a course of action to

1 reconcile general maintenance priorities for cutters with  
2 operational priorities on the Missouri River.

3 **SEC. 233. MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE ASSISTANCE**  
4 **POLICY ASSESSMENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant of the Coast  
6 Guard shall assess the Maritime Search and Rescue As-  
7 sistance Policy as it relates to State and local responders.

8 (b) SCOPE.—The assessment under subsection (a)  
9 shall consider, at a minimum—

10 (1) the extent to which Coast Guard search and  
11 rescue coordinators have entered into domestic  
12 search and rescue agreements with State and local  
13 responders under the National Search and Rescue  
14 Plan;

15 (2) whether the domestic search and rescue  
16 agreements include the Maritime Search and Rescue  
17 Assistance Policy; and

18 (3) the extent to which Coast Guard sectors co-  
19 ordinate with 911 emergency centers, including en-  
20 suring the dissemination of appropriate maritime  
21 distress check-sheets.

22 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
23 of enactment of this Act, the Commandant of the Coast  
24 Guard shall submit a report on the assessment under sub-  
25 section (a) to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and

1 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on  
2 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
3 resentatives.

4           **TITLE III—SHIPPING AND**  
5                           **NAVIGATION**

6 **SEC. 301. REPEAL.**

7           Chapter 555 of title 46, United States Code, is  
8 amended—

9                   (1) by repealing section 55501;

10                   (2) by redesignating section 55502 as section  
11           55501; and

12                   (3) in the analysis by striking the items relating  
13           to sections 55501 and 55502 and inserting the fol-  
14           lowing:

“55501. United States Committee on the Marine Transportation System.”.

15 **SEC. 302. DONATION OF HISTORICAL PROPERTY.**

16           Section 51103 of title 46, United States Code, is  
17 amended by adding at the end the following:

18           “(e) DONATION FOR HISTORICAL PURPOSES.—

19                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may convey  
20           the right, title, and interest of the United States  
21           Government in any property administered by the  
22           Maritime Administration, except real estate or ves-  
23           sels, if—

1           “(A) the Secretary determines that such  
2 property is not needed by the Maritime Admin-  
3 istration; and

4           “(B) the recipient—

5           “(i) is a nonprofit organization, a  
6 State, or a political subdivision of a State;

7           “(ii) agrees to hold the Government  
8 harmless for any claims arising from expo-  
9 sure to hazardous materials, including as-  
10 bestos, polychlorinated biphenyls, or lead  
11 paint, after conveyance of the property;

12           “(iii) provides a description and expla-  
13 nation of the intended use of the property  
14 to the Secretary for approval;

15           “(iv) has provided to the Secretary  
16 proof, as determined by the Secretary, of  
17 resources sufficient to accomplish the in-  
18 tended use provided under clause (iii) and  
19 to maintain the property;

20           “(v) agrees that when the recipient no  
21 longer requires the property, the recipient  
22 shall—

23           “(I) return the property to the  
24 Secretary, at the recipient’s expense

1 and in the same condition as received  
2 except for ordinary wear and tear; or  
3 “(II) subject to the approval of  
4 the Secretary, retain, sell, or other-  
5 wise dispose of the property in a man-  
6 ner consistent with applicable law;  
7 and

8 “(vi) agrees to any additional terms  
9 the Secretary considers appropriate.

10 “(2) REVERSION.—The Secretary shall include  
11 in any conveyance under this subsection terms under  
12 which all right, title, and interest conveyed by the  
13 Secretary shall revert to the Government if the Sec-  
14 retary determines the property has been used other  
15 than as approved by the Secretary under paragraph  
16 (1)(B)(iii).”.

17 **SEC. 303. SMALL SHIPYARDS.**

18 Section 54101(i) of title 46, United States Code, is  
19 amended by striking “2009 through 2013” and inserting  
20 “2015 through 2017”.

21 **SEC. 304. DRUG TESTING REPORTING.**

22 Section 7706 of title 46, United States Code, is  
23 amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “an applicant  
2           for employment by a Federal agency,” after “Fed-  
3           eral agency,”; and

4           (2) in subsection (c), by—

5                 (A) inserting “or an applicant for employ-  
6                 ment by a Federal agency” after “an em-  
7                 ployee”; and

8                 (B) striking “the employee.” and inserting  
9                 “the employee or the applicant.”.

10 **SEC. 305. OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEA SERVICE VETERANS.**

11           (a) **ENDORSEMENTS FOR VETERANS.**—Section 7101  
12 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at  
13 the end the following:

14           “(j) The Secretary may issue a license under this sec-  
15 tion in a class under subsection (c) to an applicant that—

16                 “(1) has at least 3 months of qualifying service  
17                 on vessels of the uniformed services (as that term is  
18                 defined in section 101(a) of title 10) of appropriate  
19                 tonnage or horsepower within the 7-year period im-  
20                 mediately preceding the date of application; and

21                 “(2) satisfies all other requirements for such a  
22                 license.”.

23           (b) **SEA SERVICE LETTERS.**—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Title 14, United States  
2           Code, is amended by inserting after section 427 the  
3           following:

4   **“§ 428. Sea service letters**

5           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide a  
6           sea service letter to a member or former member of the  
7           Coast Guard who—

8                   “(1) accumulated sea service on a vessel of the  
9                   armed forces (as such term is defined in section  
10                  101(a) of title 10); and

11                  “(2) requests such letter.

12           “(b) DEADLINE.—Not later than 30 days after re-  
13           ceiving a request for a sea service letter from a member  
14           or former member of the Coast Guard under subsection  
15           (a), the Secretary shall provide such letter to such member  
16           or former member if such member or former member sat-  
17           isfies the requirement under subsection (a)(1).”.

18           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for  
19           chapter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is  
20           amended by inserting after the item relating to sec-  
21           tion 427 the following:

“428. Sea service letters.”.

22           (c) CREDITING OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES  
23           SERVICE, TRAINING, AND QUALIFICATIONS.—

24           (1) MAXIMIZING CREDITABILITY.—The Sec-  
25           retary of the department in which the Coast Guard



1 is operating, in implementing United States mer-  
2 chant mariner license, certification, and document  
3 laws and the International Convention on Standards  
4 of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Sea-  
5 farers, 1978, shall maximize the extent to which  
6 United States Armed Forces service, training, and  
7 qualifications are creditable toward meeting the re-  
8 quirements of such laws and such Convention.

9 (2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 90 days  
10 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
11 retary shall notify the Committee on Transportation  
12 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
13 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
14 Transportation of the Senate on the steps taken to  
15 implement this subsection.

16 (d) MERCHANT MARINE POST-SERVICE CAREER OP-  
17 PORTUNITIES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of  
18 enactment of this Act, the Commandant of the Coast  
19 Guard shall take steps to promote better awareness, on  
20 an ongoing basis, among Coast Guard personnel regarding  
21 post-service use of Coast Guard training, education, and  
22 practical experience in satisfaction of requirements for  
23 merchant mariner credentials under section 11.213 of title  
24 46, Code of Federal Regulations.

1 **SEC. 306. CLARIFICATION OF HIGH-RISK WATERS.**

2 Section 55305(e) of title 46, United States Code, is  
3 amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1)—

5 (A) by striking “provide armed personnel  
6 aboard” and inserting “reimburse, subject to  
7 the availability of appropriations, the owners or  
8 operators of”; and

9 (B) by inserting “for the cost of providing  
10 armed personnel aboard such vessels” before  
11 “if”; and

12 (2) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and in-  
13 serting the following:

14 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘high-risk  
15 waters’ means waters so designated by the Com-  
16 mandant of the Coast Guard in the maritime secu-  
17 rity directive issued by the Commandant and in ef-  
18 fect on the date on which an applicable voyage be-  
19 gins, if the Secretary of Transportation—

20 “(A) determines that an act of piracy oc-  
21 curred in the 12-month period preceding the  
22 date the voyage begins; or

23 “(B) in such period, issued an advisory  
24 warning that an act of piracy is possible in such  
25 waters.”.

1 **SEC. 307. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

2 (a) TITLE 46.—Section 2116(b)(1)(D) of title 46,  
3 United States Code, is amended by striking “section  
4 93(c)” and inserting “section 93(c) of title 14”.

5 (b) COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION  
6 ACT OF 2006.—Section 304(a) of the Coast Guard and  
7 Maritime Transportation Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–  
8 241; 33 U.S.C. 1503 note) is amended by inserting “and  
9 from” before “the United States”.

10 (c) DEEPWATER PORT ACT OF 1974.—Section 4(i)  
11 of the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1503(i))  
12 is amended by inserting “or that will supply” after “be  
13 supplied with”.

14 **SEC. 308. REPORT.**

15 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment  
16 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States  
17 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-  
18 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
19 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the  
20 Senate a report on the number of jobs, including vessel  
21 construction and vessel operating jobs, that would be cre-  
22 ated in the United States maritime industry each year in  
23 2015 through 2025 if liquified natural gas exported from  
24 the United States were required to be carried—

25 (1) before December 31, 2018, on vessels docu-  
26 mented under the laws of the United States; and

1           (2) on and after such date, on vessels docu-  
2           mented under the laws of the United States and  
3           constructed in the United States.

4 **SEC. 309. FISHING SAFETY GRANT PROGRAMS.**

5           (a) FISHING SAFETY TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM.—  
6 Section 4502(i)(4) of title 46, United States Code, is  
7 amended by striking “2010 through 2014” and inserting  
8 “2015 through 2017”.

9           (b) FISHING SAFETY RESEARCH GRANT PRO-  
10 GRAM.—Section 4502(j)(4) of title 46, United States  
11 Code, is amended by striking “2010 through 2014” and  
12 inserting “2015 through 2017”.

13 **SEC. 310. ESTABLISHMENT OF MERCHANT MARINE PER-**  
14 **SONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

15           (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Chapter 81 of title 46,  
16 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
17 following:

18 **“§ 8108. Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Com-**  
19 **mittee**

20           “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-  
21 lish a Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (in  
22 this section referred to as ‘the Committee’). The Com-  
23 mittee—

24           “(1) shall act solely in an advisory capacity to  
25           the Secretary through the Commandant of the Coast

1 Guard on matters relating to personnel in the  
2 United States merchant marine, including training,  
3 qualifications, certification, documentation, and fit-  
4 ness standards, and other matters as assigned by  
5 the Commandant;

6 “(2) shall review and comment on proposed  
7 Coast Guard regulations and policies relating to per-  
8 sonnel in the United States merchant marine, in-  
9 cluding training, qualifications, certification, docu-  
10 mentation, and fitness standards;

11 “(3) may be given special assignments by the  
12 Secretary and may conduct studies, inquiries, work-  
13 shops, and fact finding in consultation with individ-  
14 uals and groups in the private sector and with State  
15 or local governments;

16 “(4) shall advise, consult with, and make rec-  
17 ommendations reflecting its independent judgment  
18 to the Secretary;

19 “(5) shall meet not less than twice each year;  
20 and

21 “(6) may make available to Congress rec-  
22 ommendations that the Committee makes to the Sec-  
23 retary.

24 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall con-  
2           sist of not more than 19 members who are appointed  
3           by and serve terms of a duration determined by the  
4           Secretary. Before filling a position on the Com-  
5           mittee, the Secretary shall publish a notice in the  
6           Federal Register soliciting nominations for member-  
7           ship on the Committee.

8           “(2) REQUIRED MEMBERS.—Subject to para-  
9           graph (3), the Secretary shall appoint as members  
10          of the Committee—

11           “(A) 9 United States citizens with active  
12          licenses or certificates issued under chapter 71  
13          or merchant mariner documents issued under  
14          chapter 73, including—

15           “(i) 3 deck officers who represent the  
16          viewpoint of merchant marine deck offi-  
17          cers, of whom—

18           “(I) 2 shall be licensed for oceans  
19          any gross tons;

20           “(II) 1 shall be licensed for in-  
21          land river route with a limited or un-  
22          limited tonnage;

23           “(III) 2 shall have a master’s li-  
24          cense or a master of towing vessels li-  
25          cense;

1                   “(IV) 1 shall have significant  
2                   tanker experience; and

3                   “(V) to the extent practicable—

4                   “(aa) 1 shall represent the  
5                   viewpoint of labor; and

6                   “(bb) another shall rep-  
7                   resent a management perspective;

8                   “(ii) 3 engineering officers who rep-  
9                   resent the viewpoint of merchant marine  
10                  engineering officers, of whom—

11                  “(I) 2 shall be licensed as chief  
12                  engineer any horsepower;

13                  “(II) 1 shall be licensed as either  
14                  a limited chief engineer or a des-  
15                  ignated duty engineer; and

16                  “(III) to the extent practicable—

17                  “(aa) 1 shall represent a  
18                  labor viewpoint; and

19                  “(bb) another shall rep-  
20                  resent a management perspective;

21                  “(iii) 2 unlicensed seamen, of whom—

22                  “(I) 1 shall represent the view-  
23                  point of able-bodied seamen; and

1                   “(II) another shall represent the  
2                   viewpoint of qualified members of the  
3                   engine department; and

4                   “(iv) 1 pilot who represents the view-  
5                   point of merchant marine pilots;

6                   “(B) 6 marine educators, including—

7                   “(i) 3 marine educators who represent  
8                   the viewpoint of maritime academies, in-  
9                   cluding—

10                   “(I) 2 who represent the view-  
11                   point of State maritime academies  
12                   and are jointly recommended by such  
13                   State maritime academies; and

14                   “(II) 1 who represents either the  
15                   viewpoint of the State maritime acad-  
16                   emies or the United States Merchant  
17                   Marine Academy; and

18                   “(ii) 3 marine educators who rep-  
19                   resent the viewpoint of other maritime  
20                   training institutions, 1 of whom shall rep-  
21                   resent the viewpoint of the small vessel in-  
22                   dustry;

23                   “(C) 2 individuals who represent the view-  
24                   point of shipping companies employed in ship  
25                   operation management; and



1           “(D) 2 members who are appointed from  
2           the general public.

3           “(3) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall con-  
4           sult with the Secretary of Transportation in making  
5           an appointment under paragraph (2)(B)(i)(II).

6           “(c) CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.—The Sec-  
7           retary shall designate one member of the Committee as  
8           the Chairman and one member of the Committee as the  
9           Vice Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall act as Chairman  
10          in the absence or incapacity of the Chairman, or in the  
11          event of a vacancy in the office of the Chairman.

12          “(d) SUBCOMMITTEES.—The Committee may estab-  
13          lish and disestablish subcommittees and working groups  
14          for any purpose consistent with this section, subject to  
15          conditions imposed by the Committee. Members of the  
16          Committee and additional persons drawn from the general  
17          public may be assigned to such subcommittees and work-  
18          ing groups. Only Committee members may chair sub-  
19          committee or working groups.

20          “(e) TERMINATION.—The Committee shall terminate  
21          on September 30, 2020.”.

22          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such  
23          chapter is amended by adding at the end the following:

“8108. Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee.”.

1 **SEC. 311. TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE.**

2 (a) TITLE 46, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section 2110  
3 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

4 (1) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-  
5 lows:

6 “(b)(1) In addition to the collection of fees and  
7 charges established under subsection (a), in providing a  
8 service or thing of value under this subtitle the Secretary  
9 may accept in-kind transportation, travel, and subsistence.

10 “(2) The value of in-kind transportation, travel, and  
11 subsistence accepted under this paragraph may not exceed  
12 applicable per diem rates set forth in regulations pre-  
13 scribed under section 464 of title 37.”; and

14 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “subsections  
15 (a) and (b),” and inserting “subsection (a),”.

16 (b) TITLE 14, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section 664  
17 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by redesi-  
18 gnating subsections (e) through (g) as subsections (f)  
19 through (h), respectively, and by inserting after subsection  
20 (d) the following:

21 “(e)(1) In addition to the collection of fees and  
22 charges established under this section, in the provision of  
23 a service or thing of value by the Coast Guard the Sec-  
24 retary may accept in-kind transportation, travel, and sub-  
25 sistence.

1       “(2) The value of in-kind transportation, travel, and  
2 subsistence accepted under this paragraph may not exceed  
3 applicable per diem rates set forth in regulations pre-  
4 scribed under section 464 of title 37.”.

5       (c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of the Department  
6 in which the Coast Guard is operating may not accept in-  
7 kind transportation, travel, or subsistence under section  
8 664(e) of title 14, United States Code, or section  
9 2110(d)(4) of title 46, United States Code, as amended  
10 by this section, until the Commandant of the Coast  
11 Guard—

12           (1) amends the Standards of Ethical Conduct  
13 for members and employees of the Coast Guard to  
14 include regulations governing the acceptance of in-  
15 kind reimbursements; and

16           (2) notifies the Committee on Commerce,  
17 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the  
18 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of  
19 the House of Representatives of the amendments  
20 made under paragraph (1).

21 **SEC. 312. PROMPT INTERGOVERNMENTAL NOTICE OF MA-**  
22 **RINE CASUALTIES.**

23       Section 6101 of title 46, United States Code, is  
24 amended—

1           (1) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
2       lowing:

3       “(c) NOTICE TO STATE AND TRIBAL GOVERN-  
4 MENTS.—Not later than 24 hours after receiving a notice  
5 of a major marine casualty under this section, the Sec-  
6 retary shall notify each State or federally recognized In-  
7 dian tribe that is, or may reasonably be expected to be,  
8 affected by such marine casualty.”;

9           (2) in subsection (h)—

10               (A) by striking “(1)”; and

11               (B) by redesignating subsection (h)(2) as  
12 subsection (i) of section 6101, and in such sub-  
13 section—

14                       (i) by striking “paragraph,” and in-  
15 serting “section,”; and

16                       (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs  
17 (A) through (D) as paragraphs (1)  
18 through (4); and

19           (3) by redesignating the last subsection as sub-  
20 section (j).

21 **SEC. 313. AREA CONTINGENCY PLANS.**

22       Section 311(j)(4) of the Federal Water Pollution  
23 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)(4)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “qualified  
2 personnel of Federal, State, and local agencies.” and  
3 inserting “qualified—

4 “(i) personnel of Federal, State, and local  
5 agencies; and

6 “(ii) members of federally recognized In-  
7 dian tribes, where applicable.”;

8 (2) in subparagraph (B)(ii)—

9 (A) by striking “and local” and inserting  
10 “, local, and tribal”; and

11 (B) by striking “wildlife;” and inserting  
12 “wildlife, including advance planning with re-  
13 spect to the closing and reopening of fishing  
14 areas following a discharge;”;

15 (3) in subparagraph (B)(iii), by striking “and  
16 local” and inserting “, local, and tribal”; and

17 (4) in subparagraph (C)—

18 (A) in clause (iv), by striking “and Fed-  
19 eral, State, and local agencies” and inserting “,  
20 Federal, State, and local agencies, and tribal  
21 governments”;

22 (B) by redesignating clauses (vii) and (viii)  
23 as clauses (viii) and (ix), respectively; and

24 (C) by inserting after clause (vi) the fol-  
25 lowing:

1           “(vii) include a framework for advance  
2           planning and decisionmaking with respect to  
3           the closing and reopening of fishing areas fol-  
4           lowing a discharge, including protocols and  
5           standards for the closing and reopening of fish-  
6           ing areas;”.

7 **SEC. 314. INTERNATIONAL ICE PATROL REFORM.**

8           (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 803 of title 46, United  
9 States Code, is amended—

10           (1) in section 80301, by adding at the end the  
11 following:

12           “(c) PAYMENTS.—Payments received pursuant to  
13 subsection (b)(1) shall be credited to the appropriation for  
14 operating expenses of the Coast Guard.”;

15           (2) in section 80302—

16           (A) in subsection (b), by striking “An ice  
17 patrol vessel” and inserting “The ice patrol”;

18           (B) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “An  
19 ice patrol vessel” and inserting “The ice pa-  
20 trol”; and

21           (C) in the first sentence of subsection (d),  
22 by striking “vessels” and inserting “aircraft”;  
23 and

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

1 **“§ 80304. Limitation on ice patrol data**

2 “Notwithstanding sections 80301 and 80302, data  
3 collected by an ice patrol conducted by the Coast Guard  
4 under this chapter may not be disseminated to a vessel  
5 unless such vessel is—

6 “(1) documented under the laws of the United  
7 States; or

8 “(2) documented under the laws of a foreign  
9 country that made the payment or contribution re-  
10 quired under section 80301(b) for the year pre-  
11 ceding the year in which the data is collected.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such  
13 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following:  
“80304. Limitation on ice patrol data.”.

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect  
15 on January 1, 2017.

16 **SEC. 315. OFFSHORE SUPPLY VESSEL THIRD-PARTY IN-**  
17 **SPECTION.**

18 Section 3316 of title 46, United States Code, is  
19 amended by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (g),  
20 and by inserting after subsection (e) the following:

21 “(f)(1) Upon request of an owner or operator of an  
22 offshore supply vessel, the Secretary shall delegate the au-  
23 thorities set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) with  
24 respect to such vessel to a classification society to which  
25 a delegation is authorized under that paragraph. A delega-

1 tion by the Secretary under this subsection shall be used  
2 for any vessel inspection and examination function carried  
3 out by the Secretary, including the issuance of certificates  
4 of inspection and all other related documents.

5       “(2) If the Secretary determines that a certificate of  
6 inspection or related document issued under authority del-  
7 egated under paragraph (1) of this subsection with respect  
8 to a vessel has reduced the operational safety of that ves-  
9 sel, the Secretary may terminate the certificate or docu-  
10 ment, respectively.

11       “(3) Not later than 2 years after the date of the en-  
12 actment of the Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime  
13 Transportation Act of 2014, and for each year of the sub-  
14 sequent 2-year period, the Secretary shall provide to the  
15 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the  
16 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-  
17 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report  
18 describing—

19               “(A) the number of vessels for which a delega-  
20 tion was made under paragraph (1);

21               “(B) any savings in personnel and operational  
22 costs incurred by the Coast Guard that resulted  
23 from the delegations; and

24               “(C) based on measurable marine casualty and  
25 other data, any impacts of the delegations on the



1 operational safety of vessels for which the delega-  
2 tions were made, and on the crew on those vessels.”.

3 **SEC. 316. WATCHES.**

4 Section 8104 of title 46, United States Code, is  
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (d), by striking “coal passers,  
7 firemen, oilers, and water tenders” and inserting  
8 “and oilers”; and

9 (2) in subsection (g)(1), by striking “(except  
10 the coal passers, firemen, oilers, and water  
11 tenders)”.

12 **SEC. 317. COAST GUARD RESPONSE PLAN REQUIREMENTS.**

13 (a) **VESSEL RESPONSE PLAN CONTENTS.**—The Sec-  
14 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard is op-  
15 erating shall require that each vessel response plan pre-  
16 pared for a mobile offshore drilling unit includes informa-  
17 tion from the facility response plan prepared for the mo-  
18 bile offshore drilling unit regarding the planned response  
19 to a worst case discharge, and to a threat of such a dis-  
20 charge.

21 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

22 (1) **MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNIT.**—The  
23 term “mobile offshore drilling unit” has the meaning  
24 given that term in section 1001 of the Oil Pollution  
25 Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701).

1           (2) **RESPONSE PLAN.**—The term “response  
2     plan” means a response plan prepared under section  
3     311(j) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act  
4     (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)).

5           (3) **WORST CASE DISCHARGE.**—The term  
6     “worst case discharge” has the meaning given that  
7     term under section 311(a) of the Federal Water Pol-  
8     lution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(a)).

9           (c) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this sec-  
10    tion shall be construed to require the Coast Guard to re-  
11    view or approve a facility response plan for a mobile off-  
12    shore drilling unit.

13    **SEC. 318. REGIONAL CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

14           Section 5002(k)(3) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990  
15    (33 U.S.C. 2732(k)(3)) is amended by striking “not more  
16    than \$1,000,000” and inserting “not less than  
17    \$1,400,000”.

18    **SEC. 319. UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSELS IN THE**  
19           **UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS.**

20           (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 4105 of title 46, United  
21    States Code, is amended—

22           (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
23    section (c); and

24           (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
25    lowing:

1       “(b)(1) In applying this title with respect to an  
2 uninspected vessel of less than 24 meters overall in length  
3 that carries passengers to or from a port in the United  
4 States Virgin Islands, the Secretary shall substitute ‘12  
5 passengers’ for ‘6 passengers’ each place it appears in sec-  
6 tion 2101(42) if the Secretary determines that the vessel  
7 complies with, as applicable to the vessel—

8               “(A) the Code of Practice for the Safety of  
9 Small Commercial Motor Vessels (commonly re-  
10 ferred to as the ‘Yellow Code’), as published by  
11 the U.K. Maritime and Coastguard Agency and  
12 in effect on January 1, 2014; or

13               “(B) the Code of Practice for the Safety of  
14 Small Commercial Sailing Vessels (commonly  
15 referred to as the ‘Blue Code’), as published by  
16 such agency and in effect on such date.

17       “(2) If the Secretary establishes standards to  
18 carry out this subsection—

19               “(A) such standards shall be identical to  
20 those established in the Codes of Practice re-  
21 ferred to in paragraph (1); and

22               “(B) on any dates before the date on  
23 which such standards are in effect, the Codes of  
24 Practice referred to in paragraph (1) shall

1           apply with respect to the vessels referred to in  
2           paragraph (1).”.

3           (b) **TECHNICAL CORRECTION.**—Section 4105(c) of  
4 title 46, United States Code, as redesignated by subsection  
5 (a)(1) of this section, is amended by striking “Within  
6 twenty-four months of the date of enactment of this sub-  
7 section, the” and inserting “The”.

8 **SEC. 320. TREATMENT OF ABANDONED SEAFARERS.**

9           (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 111 of title 46, United  
10 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
11 lowing:

12 **“§ 11113. Treatment of abandoned seafarers**

13           “(a) **ABANDONED SEAFARERS FUND.**—

14                   “(1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in  
15 the Treasury a separate account to be known as the  
16 Abandoned Seafarers Fund.

17                   “(2) **AUTHORIZED USES.**—Amounts in the  
18 Fund may be appropriated to the Secretary for  
19 use—

20                           “(A) to pay necessary support of a sea-  
21 farer—

22                                   “(i) who—

23   “(I) was paroled into the United  
24 States under section 212(d)(5) of the  
25 Immigration and Nationality Act (8

1 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)), or for whom the  
2 Secretary has requested parole under  
3 such section; and

4 “(II) is involved in an investiga-  
5 tion, reporting, documentation, or ad-  
6 judication of any matter that is re-  
7 lated to the administration or enforce-  
8 ment of law by the Coast Guard; or

9 “(ii) who—

10 “(I) is physically present in the  
11 United States;

12 “(II) the Secretary determines  
13 was abandoned in the United States;  
14 and

15 “(III) has not applied for asylum  
16 under the Immigration and Nation-  
17 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.); and

18 “(B) to reimburse a vessel owner or oper-  
19 ator for the costs of necessary support of a sea-  
20 farer who has been paroled into the United  
21 States to facilitate an investigation, reporting,  
22 documentation, or adjudication of any matter  
23 that is related to the administration or enforce-  
24 ment of law by the Coast Guard, if—

1           “(i) the vessel owner or operator is  
2           not convicted of a criminal offense related  
3           to such matter; or

4           “(ii) the Secretary determines that re-  
5           imbursement is appropriate.

6           “(3) CREDITING OF AMOUNTS TO FUND.—

7           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
8           subparagraph (B), there shall be credited to the  
9           Fund the following:

10           “(i) Penalties deposited in the Fund  
11           under section 9 of the Act to Prevent Pol-  
12           lution from Ships (33 U.S.C. 1908).

13           “(ii) Amounts reimbursed or recov-  
14           ered under subsection (c).

15           “(B) LIMITATION.—Amounts may be cred-  
16           ited to the Fund under subparagraph (A) only  
17           if the unobligated balance of the Fund is less  
18           than \$5,000,000.

19           “(4) REPORT REQUIRED.—On the date on  
20           which the President submits each budget for a fiscal  
21           year pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, the Sec-  
22           retary shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-  
23           tation and Infrastructure of the House of Represent-  
24           atives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,

1 and Transportation of the Senate a report that de-  
2 scribes—

3 “(A) the amounts credited to the Fund  
4 under paragraph (2) for the preceding fiscal  
5 year; and

6 “(B) amounts in the Fund that were ex-  
7 pended for the preceding fiscal year.

8 “(b) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this section shall be  
9 construed—

10 “(1) to create a private right of action or any  
11 other right, benefit, or entitlement to necessary sup-  
12 port for any person; or

13 “(2) to compel the Secretary to pay or reim-  
14 burse the cost of necessary support.

15 “(c) REIMBURSEMENT; RECOVERY.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A vessel owner or operator  
17 shall reimburse the Fund an amount equal to the  
18 total amount paid from the Fund for necessary sup-  
19 port of a seafarer, if—

20 “(A) the vessel owner or operator—

21 “(i) during the course of an investiga-  
22 tion, reporting, documentation, or adju-  
23 dication of any matter under this Act that  
24 the Coast Guard referred to a United  
25 States attorney or the Attorney General,

1 fails to provide necessary support of a sea-  
2 farer who was paroled into the United  
3 States to facilitate the investigation, re-  
4 porting, documentation, or adjudication;  
5 and

6 “(ii) subsequently is—

7 “(I) convicted of a criminal of-  
8 fense related to such matter; or

9 “(II) required to reimburse the  
10 Fund pursuant to a court order or ne-  
11 gotiated settlement related to such  
12 matter; or

13 “(B) the vessel owner or operator aban-  
14 dons a seafarer in the United States, as deter-  
15 mined by the Secretary based on substantial  
16 evidence.

17 “(2) ENFORCEMENT.—If a vessel owner or op-  
18 erator fails to reimburse the Fund under paragraph  
19 (1) within 60 days after receiving a written, itemized  
20 description of reimbursable expenses and a demand  
21 for payment, the Secretary may—

22 “(A) proceed in rem against the vessel on  
23 which the seafarer served in the Federal district  
24 court for the district in which the vessel is  
25 found; and



1           “(B) withhold or revoke the clearance re-  
2           quired under section 60105 for the vessel and  
3           any other vessel operated by the same operator  
4           (as that term is defined in section 2(9)(a) of  
5           the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (33  
6           U.S.C. 1901(9)(a)) as the vessel on which the  
7           seafarer served.

8           “(3) OBTAINING CLEARANCE.—A vessel may  
9           obtain clearance from the Secretary after it is with-  
10          held or revoked under paragraph (2)(B) if the vessel  
11          owner or operator—

12           “(A) reimburses the Fund the amount re-  
13          quired under paragraph (1); or

14           “(B) provides a bond, or other evidence of  
15          financial responsibility, sufficient to meet the  
16          amount required to be reimbursed under para-  
17          graph (1).

18          “(4) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary  
19          shall notify the vessel at least 72 hours before taking  
20          any action under paragraph (2)(B).

21          “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22           “(1) ABANDONS; ABANDONED.—Each of the  
23          terms ‘abandons’ and ‘abandoned’ means—

24           “(A) a vessel owner’s or operator’s unilat-  
25          eral severance of ties with a seafarer; or

1           “(B) a vessel owner’s or operator’s failure  
2           to provide necessary support of a seafarer.

3           “(2) FUND.—The term ‘Fund’ means the  
4           Abandoned Seafarers Fund established under this  
5           section.

6           “(3) NECESSARY SUPPORT.—The term ‘nec-  
7           essary support’ means normal wages and expenses  
8           the Secretary considers reasonable for lodging, sub-  
9           sistence, clothing, medical care (including hos-  
10          pitalization), repatriation, and any other support the  
11          Secretary considers to be appropriate.

12          “(4) SEAFARER.—The term ‘seafarer’ means an  
13          alien crew member who is employed or engaged in  
14          any capacity on board a vessel subject to the juris-  
15          diction of the United States.

16          “(5) VESSEL SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION  
17          OF THE UNITED STATES.—The term ‘vessel subject  
18          to the jurisdiction of the United States’ has the  
19          meaning given that term in section 70502(c), except  
20          that it does not include a vessel that is—

21                 “(A) owned, or operated under a bareboat  
22                 charter, by the United States, a State or polit-  
23                 ical subdivision thereof, or a foreign nation; and

24                 “(B) not engaged in commerce.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such  
2 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following:

“11113. Treatment of abandoned seafarers.”.

3 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 9 of the  
4 Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (33 U.S.C. 1908) is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(g) Any penalty collected under subsection (a) or (b)  
7 that is not paid under that subsection to the person giving  
8 information leading to the conviction or assessment of  
9 such penalties shall be deposited in the Abandoned Sea-  
10 farers Fund established under section 11113 of title 46,  
11 United States Code.”.

12 **SEC. 321. WEBSITE.**

13 (a) REPORTS TO SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION;  
14 INCIDENTS AND DETAILS.—Section 3507(g)(3)(A) of title  
15 46, United States Code, is amended—

16 (1) in clause (ii) by striking “the incident to an  
17 Internet based portal maintained by the Secretary”  
18 and inserting “each incident specified in clause (i) to  
19 the Internet website maintained by the Secretary of  
20 Transportation under paragraph (4)(A)”; and

21 (2) in clause (iii) by striking “based portal  
22 maintained by the Secretary” and inserting “website  
23 maintained by the Secretary of Transportation  
24 under paragraph (4)(A)”.

1 (b) AVAILABILITY OF INCIDENT DATA ON INTER-  
2 NET.—Section 3507(g)(4) of title 46, United States Code,  
3 is amended—

4 (1) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting  
5 the following:

6 “(A) WEBSITE.—

7 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of  
8 Transportation shall maintain a statistical  
9 compilation of all incidents on board a  
10 cruise vessel specified in paragraph  
11 (3)(A)(i) on an Internet website that pro-  
12 vides a numerical accounting of the miss-  
13 ing persons and alleged crimes reported  
14 under that paragraph without regard to  
15 the investigative status of the incident.

16 “(ii) UPDATES AND OTHER REQUIRE-  
17 MENTS.—The compilation under clause (i)  
18 shall—

19 “(I) be updated not less fre-  
20 quently than quarterly;

21 “(II) be able to be sorted by  
22 cruise line;

23 “(III) identify each cruise line by  
24 name;

1                   “(IV) identify each crime or al-  
2                   leged crime committed or allegedly  
3                   committed by a passenger or crew-  
4                   member;

5                   “(V) identify the number of indi-  
6                   viduals alleged overboard; and

7                   “(VI) include the approximate  
8                   number of passengers and crew car-  
9                   ried by each cruise line during each  
10                  quarterly reporting period.

11                  “(iii) USER-FRIENDLY FORMAT.—The  
12                  Secretary of Transportation shall ensure  
13                  that the compilation, data, and any other  
14                  information provided on the Internet  
15                  website maintained under this subpara-  
16                  graph are in a user-friendly format. The  
17                  Secretary shall, to the greatest extent  
18                  practicable, use existing commercial off the  
19                  shelf technology to transfer and establish  
20                  the website, and shall not independently  
21                  develop software, or acquire new hardware  
22                  in operating the site.”; and

23                  (2) in subparagraph (B) by striking “Sec-  
24                  retary” and inserting “Secretary of Transportation”.

1 **SEC. 322. COAST GUARD REGULATIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the  
4 department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall  
5 submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
6 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on  
7 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
8 resentatives an analysis of the Coast Guard’s proposed  
9 promulgation of safety and environmental management  
10 system requirements for vessels engaged in Outer Conti-  
11 nental Shelf activities. The analysis shall include—

12 (1) a discussion of any new operational, man-  
13 agement, design and construction, financial, and  
14 other mandates that would be imposed on vessel  
15 owners and operators;

16 (2) an estimate of all associated direct and indi-  
17 rect operational, management, personnel, training,  
18 vessel design and construction, record keeping, and  
19 other costs;

20 (3) an identification and justification of any of  
21 such proposed requirements that exceed those in  
22 international conventions applicable to the design,  
23 construction, operation, and management of vessels  
24 engaging in United States Outer Continental Shelf  
25 activities; and



1       “(e) ATTORNEY FEES.—In any action brought under  
2 section 41301, the prevailing party may be awarded rea-  
3 sonable attorney fees.”.

4 **SEC. 403. TERMS OF COMMISSIONERS.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 301(b) of title 46, United  
6 States Code, is amended—

7           (1) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-  
8 lows:

9           “(2) TERMS.—The term of each Commissioner  
10 is 5 years. When the term of a Commissioner ends,  
11 the Commissioner may continue to serve until a suc-  
12 cessor is appointed and qualified, but for a period  
13 not to exceed one year. Except as provided in para-  
14 graph (3), no individual may serve more than 2  
15 terms.”; and

16           (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
17 graph (5), and inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
18 lowing:

19           “(3) VACANCIES.—A vacancy shall be filled in  
20 the same manner as the original appointment. An  
21 individual appointed to fill a vacancy is appointed  
22 only for the unexpired term of the individual being  
23 succeeded. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy  
24 may serve 2 terms in addition to the remainder of



1 the term for which the predecessor of that individual  
2 was appointed.

3 “(4) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.—

4 “(A) LIMITATION ON RELATIONSHIPS  
5 WITH REGULATED ENTITIES.—A Commissioner  
6 may not have a pecuniary interest in, hold an  
7 official relation to, or own stocks or bonds of  
8 any entity the Commission regulates under  
9 chapter 401 of this title.

10 “(B) LIMITATION ON OTHER ACTIVITIES.—A Commissioner may not engage in an-  
11 other business, vocation, or employment.”  
12

13 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-  
14 section (a)(1) does not apply with respect to a Commis-  
15 sioner of the Federal Maritime Commission appointed and  
16 confirmed by the Senate before the date of the enactment  
17 of this Act.

## 18 **TITLE V—ARCTIC MARITIME** 19 **TRANSPORTATION**

### 20 **SEC. 501. ARCTIC MARITIME TRANSPORTATION.**

21 (a) ARCTIC MARITIME TRANSPORTATION.—Chapter  
22 5 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting  
23 after section 89 the following:

1 **“§ 90. Arctic maritime transportation**

2       “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to en-  
3 sure safe and secure maritime shipping in the Arctic in-  
4 cluding the availability of aids to navigation, vessel es-  
5 corts, spill response capability, and maritime search and  
6 rescue in the Arctic.

7       “(b) INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION  
8 AGREEMENTS.—To carry out the purpose of this section,  
9 the Secretary is encouraged to enter into negotiations  
10 through the International Maritime Organization to con-  
11 clude and execute agreements to promote coordinated ac-  
12 tion among the United States, Russia, Canada, Iceland,  
13 Norway, and Denmark and other seafaring and Arctic na-  
14 tions to ensure, in the Arctic—

15           “(1) placement and maintenance of aids to  
16 navigation;

17           “(2) appropriate marine safety, tug, and sal-  
18 vage capabilities;

19           “(3) oil spill prevention and response capability;

20           “(4) maritime domain awareness, including  
21 long-range vessel tracking; and

22           “(5) search and rescue.

23       “(c) COORDINATION BY COMMITTEE ON THE MARI-  
24 TIME TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.—The Committee on the  
25 Maritime Transportation System established under section  
26 55501 of title 46, United States Code, shall coordinate

1 the establishment of domestic transportation policies in  
2 the Arctic necessary to carry out the purpose of this sec-  
3 tion.

4 “(d) AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS.—The Secretary  
5 may, subject to the availability of appropriations, enter  
6 into cooperative agreements, contracts, or other agree-  
7 ments with, or make grants to, individuals and govern-  
8 ments to carry out the purpose of this section or any  
9 agreements established under subsection (b).

10 “(e) ICEBREAKING.—The Secretary shall promote  
11 safe maritime navigation by means of icebreaking where  
12 necessary, feasible, and effective to carry out the purposes  
13 of this section.

14 “(f) ARCTIC DEFINITION.—In this section, the term  
15 ‘Arctic’? has the meaning given such term in section 112  
16 of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C.  
17 4111).”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such  
19 chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating  
20 to section 89 the following:

“90. Arctic maritime transportation”.

21 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 307 of the  
22 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–  
23 281; 14 U.S.C. 92 note) is repealed.

1 **SEC. 502. ARCTIC MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 14, United  
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 154. Arctic maritime domain awareness**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall improve  
7 maritime domain awareness in the Arctic—

8 “(1) by promoting interagency cooperation and  
9 coordination;

10 “(2) by employing joint, interagency, and inter-  
11 national capabilities; and

12 “(3) by facilitating the sharing of information,  
13 intelligence, and data related to the Arctic maritime  
14 domain between the Coast Guard and departments  
15 and agencies listed in subsection (b).

16 “(b) COORDINATION.—The Commandant shall seek  
17 to coordinate the collection, sharing, and use of informa-  
18 tion, intelligence, and data related to the Arctic maritime  
19 domain between the Coast Guard and the following:

20 “(1) The Department of Homeland Security.

21 “(2) The Department of Defense.

22 “(3) The Department of Transportation.

23 “(4) The Department of State.

24 “(5) The Department of the Interior.

25 “(6) The National Aeronautics and Space Ad-  
26 ministration.

1           “(7) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
2 Administration.

3           “(8) The Environmental Protection Agency.

4           “(9) The National Science Foundation.

5           “(10) The Arctic Research Commission.

6           “(11) Any Federal agency or commission or  
7 State the Commandant determines is appropriate.

8           “(c) COOPERATION.—The Commandant and the head  
9 of a department or agency listed in subsection (b) may  
10 by agreement, on a reimbursable basis or otherwise, share  
11 personnel, services, equipment, and facilities to carry out  
12 the requirements of this section.

13           “(d) 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN.—Not later than Jan-  
14 uary 1, 2016 and every 5 years thereafter, the Com-  
15 mandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce,  
16 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-  
17 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House  
18 of Representatives a 5-year strategic plan to guide inter-  
19 agency and international intergovernmental cooperation  
20 and coordination for the purpose of improving maritime  
21 domain awareness in the Arctic

22           “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section the term ‘Arctic’  
23 has the meaning given that term in section 112 of the  
24 Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C.  
25 4111).”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such  
2 chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating  
3 to section 153 the following:

“154. Arctic maritime domain awareness.”.

4 **SEC. 503. IMO POLAR CODE NEGOTIATIONS.**

5 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-  
6 ment of this Act, and thereafter with the submission of  
7 the budget proposal submitted for each of fiscal years  
8 2016, 2017, and 2018 under section 1105 of title 31,  
9 United States Code, the Secretary of the department in  
10 which the Coast Guard is operating shall submit to the  
11 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the  
12 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-  
13 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, a report  
14 on—

15 (1) the status of the negotiations at the Inter-  
16 national Maritime Organization regarding the estab-  
17 lishment of a draft international code of safety for  
18 ships operating in polar waters, popularly known as  
19 the Polar Code, and any amendments proposed by  
20 such a code to be made to the International Conven-  
21 tion for the Safety of Life at Sea and the Inter-  
22 national Convention for the Prevention of Pollution  
23 from Ships;

1           (2) the coming into effect of such a code and  
2           such amendments for nations that are parties to  
3           those conventions;

4           (3) impacts, for coastal communities located in  
5           the Arctic (as that term is defined in the section 112  
6           of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15  
7           U.S.C. 4111)) of such a code or such amendments,  
8           on—

9                   (A) the costs of delivering fuel and freight;

10                   and

11                   (B) the safety of maritime transportation;

12                   and

13           (4) actions the Secretary must take to imple-  
14           ment the requirements of such a code and such  
15           amendments.

16 **SEC. 504. FORWARD OPERATING FACILITIES.**

17           The Secretary of the department in which the Coast  
18           Guard is operating may construct facilities in the Arctic  
19           (as that term is defined in section 112 of the Arctic Re-  
20           search and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4111)). The fa-  
21           cilities shall—

22                   (1) support aircraft maintenance, including ex-  
23                   haust ventilation, heat, an engine wash system, fuel,  
24                   ground support services, and electrical power;

1           (2) provide shelter for both current helicopter  
2           assets and those projected to be located at Air Sta-  
3           tion Kodiak, Alaska, for at least 20 years; and

4           (3) include accommodations for personnel.

5 **SEC. 505. ICEBREAKERS.**

6           (a) COAST GUARD POLAR ICEBREAKERS.—Section  
7           222 of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act  
8           of 2012 (Public Law 112–213; 126 Stat. 1560) is amend-  
9           ed—

10           (1) in subsection (d)(2)—

11           (A) in the paragraph heading by striking  
12           “; BRIDGING STRATEGY”; and

13           (B) by striking “Commandant of the Coast  
14           Guard” and all that follows through the period  
15           at the end and inserting “Commandant of the  
16           Coast Guard may decommission the Polar  
17           Sea.”;

18           (2) by adding at the end of subsection (d) the  
19           following:

20           “(3) RESULT OF NO DETERMINATION.—If in  
21           the analysis submitted under this section the Sec-  
22           retary does not make a determination under sub-  
23           section (a)(5) regarding whether it is cost effective  
24           to reactivate the Polar Sea, then—



1           “(A) the Commandant of the Coast Guard  
2           may decommission the Polar Sea; or

3           “(B) the Secretary may make such deter-  
4           mination, not later than 90 days after the date  
5           of the enactment of Howard Coble Coast Guard  
6           and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014, and  
7           take actions in accordance with this subsection  
8           as though such determination was made in the  
9           analysis previously submitted.”;

10          (3) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), and  
11          (g) as subsections (f), (g), and (h), respectively; and

12          (4) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
13          lowing:

14          “(e) STRATEGIES.—

15                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
16                 after the date on which the analysis required under  
17                 subsection (a) is submitted, the Commandant of the  
18                 Coast Guard shall submit to the Committee on  
19                 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of  
20                 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
21                 Science, and Transportation of the Senate—

22                         “(A) unless the Secretary makes a deter-  
23                         mination under this section that it is cost effec-  
24                         tive to reactivate the Polar Sea, a bridging  
25                         strategy for maintaining the Coast Guard’s

1 polar icebreaking services until at least Sep-  
2 tember 30, 2024;

3 “(B) a strategy to meet the Coast Guard’s  
4 Arctic ice operations needs through September  
5 30, 2050; and

6 “(C) a strategy to meet the Coast Guard’s  
7 Antarctic ice operations needs through Sep-  
8 tember 30, 2050

9 “(2) REQUIREMENT.—The strategies required  
10 under paragraph (1) shall include a business case  
11 analysis comparing the leasing and purchasing of  
12 icebreakers to maintain the needs and services de-  
13 scribed in that paragraph.”.

14 (b) CUTTER “POLAR SEA”.—Upon the submission of  
15 a service life extension plan in accordance with section  
16 222(d)(1)(C) of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transpor-  
17 tation Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–213; 126 Stat. 1560),  
18 the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard  
19 is operating may use funds authorized under section 101  
20 of this Act to conduct a service life extension of 7 to 10  
21 years for the Coast Guard Cutter *Polar Sea* (WAGB 11)  
22 in accordance with such plan.

23 (c) LIMITATION.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the depart-  
25 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating may not

1 expend amounts appropriated for the Coast Guard  
2 for any of fiscal years 2015 through 2024, for—

3 (A) design activities related to a capability  
4 of a Polar-Class Icebreaker that is based solely  
5 on an operational requirement of another Fed-  
6 eral department or agency, except for amounts  
7 appropriated for design activities for a fiscal  
8 year before fiscal year 2016; or

9 (B) long-lead-time materials, production,  
10 or post-delivery activities related to such a ca-  
11 pability.

12 (2) OTHER AMOUNTS.—Amounts made avail-  
13 able to the Secretary under an agreement with an-  
14 other Federal department or agency and expended  
15 on a capability of a Polar-Class Icebreaker that is  
16 based solely on an operational requirement of that or  
17 another Federal department or agency shall not be  
18 treated as amounts expended by the Secretary for  
19 purposes of the limitation established under para-  
20 graph (1).

21 **SEC. 506. ICEBREAKING IN POLAR REGIONS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 5 of title 14, United  
23 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 86 the  
24 following:

1 **“§ 87. Icebreaking in polar regions**

2 “The President shall facilitate planning for the de-  
3 sign, procurement, maintenance, deployment, and oper-  
4 ation of icebreakers as needed to support the statutory  
5 missions of the Coast Guard in the polar regions by allo-  
6 cating all funds to support icebreaking operations in such  
7 regions, except for recurring incremental costs associated  
8 with specific projects, to the Coast Guard.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such  
10 chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating  
11 to section 86 the following:

“87. Icebreaking in polar regions.”.

12 **TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS**

13 **SEC. 601. DISTANT WATER TUNA FLEET.**

14 Section 421 of the Coast Guard and Maritime Trans-  
15 portation Act of 2006 (46 U.S.C. 8103 note) is amend-  
16 ed—

17 (1) by striking subsections (c) and (e); and

18 (2) by redesignating subsections (d) and (f) as  
19 subsections (c) and (d), respectively.

20 **SEC. 602. EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM.**

21 Section 2(a) of Public Law 110–299 (33 U.S.C. 1342  
22 note) is amended by striking “2014” and inserting  
23 “2017”.

1 **SEC. 603. NATIONAL MARITIME STRATEGY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the  
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-  
4 portation, in consultation with the Secretary of the depart-  
5 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating, shall submit  
6 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
7 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
8 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a  
9 national maritime strategy.

10 (b) CONTENTS.—The strategy required under sub-  
11 section (a) shall—

12 (1) identify—

13 (A) Federal regulations and policies that  
14 reduce the competitiveness of United States flag  
15 vessels in international transportation markets;  
16 and

17 (B) the impact of reduced cargo flow due  
18 to reductions in the number of members of the  
19 United States Armed Forces stationed or de-  
20 ployed outside of the United States; and

21 (2) include recommendations to—

22 (A) make United States flag vessels more  
23 competitive in shipping routes between United  
24 States and foreign ports;

1 (B) increase the use of United States flag  
2 vessels to carry cargo imported to and exported  
3 from the United States;

4 (C) ensure compliance by Federal agencies  
5 with chapter 553 of title 46, United States  
6 Code;

7 (D) increase the use of third-party inspec-  
8 tion and certification authorities to inspect and  
9 certify vessels;

10 (E) increase the use of short sea transpor-  
11 tation routes, including routes designated under  
12 section 55601(e) of title 46, United States  
13 Code, to enhance intermodal freight movements;  
14 and

15 (F) enhance United States shipbuilding ca-  
16 pability.

17 **SEC. 604. WAIVERS.**

18 (a) “JOHN CRAIG”.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8902 of title 46,  
20 United States Code, shall not apply to the vessel  
21 *John Craig* (United States official number  
22 D1110613) when such vessel is operating on the  
23 portion of the Kentucky River, Kentucky, located at  
24 approximately mile point 158, in Pool Number 9, be-

1       tween Lock and Dam Number 9 and Lock and Dam  
2       Number 10.

3           (2) APPLICATION.—Paragraph (1) shall apply  
4       on and after the date on which the Secretary of the  
5       department in which the Coast Guard is operating  
6       determines that a licensing requirement has been es-  
7       tablished under Kentucky State law that applies to  
8       an operator of the vessel *John Craig*.

9       (b) “F/V WESTERN CHALLENGER”.—Notwith-  
10       standing section 12132 of title 46, United States Code,  
11       the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard  
12       is operating may issue a certificate of documentation with  
13       a coastwise endorsement for the *F/V Western Challenger*  
14       (IMO number 5388108).

15       **SEC. 605. COMPETITION BY UNITED STATES FLAG VESSELS.**

16       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant of the Coast  
17       Guard shall enter into an arrangement with the National  
18       Academy of Sciences to conduct an assessment of authori-  
19       ties under subtitle II of title 46, United States Code, that  
20       have been delegated to the Coast Guard and that impact  
21       the ability of vessels documented under the laws of the  
22       United States to effectively compete in international trans-  
23       portation markets.

24       (b) REVIEW OF DIFFERENCES WITH IMO STAND-  
25       ARDS.—The assessment under subsection (a) shall include

1 a review of differences between United States laws, poli-  
2 cies, regulations, and guidance governing the inspection  
3 of vessels documented under the laws of the United States  
4 and standards set by the International Maritime Organi-  
5 zation governing the inspection of vessels.

6 (c) DEADLINE.—Not later than 180 days after the  
7 date on which the Commandant enters into an arrange-  
8 ment with the National Academy of Sciences under sub-  
9 section (a), the Commandant shall submit to the Com-  
10 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House  
11 of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
12 Science, and Transportation of the Senate the assessment  
13 required under such subsection.

14 **SEC. 606. VESSEL REQUIREMENTS FOR NOTICES OF AR-**  
15 **RIVAL AND DEPARTURE AND AUTOMATIC**  
16 **IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM.**

17 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-  
18 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which  
19 the Coast Guard is operating shall notify the Committee  
20 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of  
21 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
22 Science, and Transportation of the Senate of the status  
23 of the final rule that relates to the notice of proposed rule-  
24 making titled “Vessel Requirements for Notices of Arrival  
25 and Departure, and Automatic Identification System” and



1 published in the Federal Register on December 16, 2008  
2 (73 Fed. Reg. 76295).

3 **SEC. 607. CONVEYANCE OF COAST GUARD PROPERTY IN**  
4 **ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.**

5 (a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Commandant  
6 of the Coast Guard is authorized to convey, at fair market  
7 value, all right, title, and interest of the United States in  
8 and to a parcel of real property, consisting of approxi-  
9 mately 0.2 acres, that is under the administrative control  
10 of the Coast Guard and located at 527 River Street in  
11 Rochester, New York.

12 (b) RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL.—The City of Roch-  
13 ester, New York, shall have the right of first refusal with  
14 respect to the purchase, at fair market value, of the real  
15 property described in subsection (a).

16 (c) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal descrip-  
17 tion of the property described in subsection (a) shall be  
18 determined by a survey satisfactory to the Commandant.

19 (d) FAIR MARKET VALUE.—The fair market value  
20 of the property described in subsection (a) shall—

21 (1) be determined by appraisal; and

22 (2) be subject to the approval of the Com-  
23 mandant.

24 (e) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—The responsibility for  
25 all reasonable and necessary costs, including real estate

1 transaction and environmental documentation costs, asso-  
 2 ciated with a conveyance under subsection (a) shall be de-  
 3 termined by the Commandant and the purchaser.

4 (f) **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—The  
 5 Commandant may require such additional terms and con-  
 6 ditions in connection with a conveyance under subsection  
 7 (a) as the Commandant considers appropriate and reason-  
 8 able to protect the interests of the United States.

9 (g) **DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS.**—Any proceeds from a  
 10 conveyance under subsection (a) shall be deposited in the  
 11 fund established under section 687 of title 14, United  
 12 States Code.

13 **SEC. 608. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN GIG**  
 14 **HARBOR, WASHINGTON.**

15 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section, the following defi-  
 16 nitions apply:

17 (1) **CITY.**—The term “City” means the city of  
 18 Gig Harbor, Washington.

19 (2) **PROPERTY.**—The term “Property” means  
 20 the parcel of real property, together with any im-  
 21 provements thereon, consisting of approximately  
 22 0.86 acres of fast lands commonly identified as tract  
 23 65 of lot 1 of section 8, township 21 north, range  
 24 2 east, Willamette Meridian, on the north side of the

1 entrance of Gig Harbor, narrows of Puget Sound,  
2 Washington.

3 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 (b) CONVEYANCE.—

6 (1) AUTHORITY TO CONVEY.—Not later than  
7 30 days after the date on which the Secretary of the  
8 department in which the Coast Guard is operating  
9 relinquishes the reservation of the Property for light-  
10 house purposes, at the request of the City and sub-  
11 ject to the requirements of this section, the Sec-  
12 retary shall convey to the City all right, title, and in-  
13 terest of the United States in and to the Property,  
14 notwithstanding the land use planning requirements  
15 of sections 202 and 203 of the Federal Land Policy  
16 and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712,  
17 1713).

18 (2) TERMS OF CONVEYANCE.—A conveyance  
19 made under paragraph (1) shall be made—

20 (A) subject to valid existing rights;

21 (B) at the fair market value as described  
22 in subsection (c); and

23 (C) subject to any other condition that the  
24 Secretary may consider appropriate to protect  
25 the interests of the United States.

1           (3) COSTS.—The City shall pay any transaction  
2 or administrative costs associated with a conveyance  
3 under paragraph (1), including the costs of the ap-  
4 praisal, title searches, maps, and boundary and ca-  
5 dastral surveys.

6           (4) CONVEYANCE IS NOT A MAJOR FEDERAL  
7 ACTION.—A conveyance under paragraph (1) shall  
8 not be considered a major Federal action for pur-  
9 poses of section 102(2) of the National Environ-  
10 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)).

11 (c) FAIR MARKET VALUE.—

12           (1) DETERMINATION.—The fair market value  
13 of the Property shall be—

14                   (A) determined by an appraisal conducted  
15 by an independent appraiser selected by the  
16 Secretary; and

17                   (B) approved by the Secretary in accord-  
18 ance with paragraph (3).

19           (2) REQUIREMENTS.—An appraisal conducted  
20 under paragraph (1) shall—

21                   (A) be conducted in accordance with na-  
22 tionally recognized appraisal standards, includ-  
23 ing—

24                           (i) the Uniform Appraisal Standards  
25 for Federal Land Acquisitions; and

1 (ii) the Uniform Standards of Profes-  
2 sional Appraisal Practice; and

3 (B) shall reflect the equitable consider-  
4 ations described in paragraph (3).

5 (3) **EQUITABLE CONSIDERATIONS.**—In approv-  
6 ing the fair market value of the Property under this  
7 subsection, the Secretary shall take into consider-  
8 ation matters of equity and fairness, including the  
9 City’s past and current lease of the Property, any  
10 maintenance or improvements by the City to the  
11 Property, and such other factors as the Secretary  
12 considers appropriate.

13 (d) **REVOCATION; REVERSION.**—Effective on and  
14 after the date on which a conveyance of the Property is  
15 made under subsection (b)(1)—

16 (1) Executive Order 3528, dated August 9,  
17 1921, is revoked; and

18 (2) the use of the tide and shore lands belong-  
19 ing to the State of Washington and adjoining and  
20 bordering the Property, that were granted to the  
21 Government of the United States pursuant to the  
22 Act of the Legislature, State of Washington, ap-  
23 proved March 13, 1909, the same being chapter 110  
24 of the Session Laws of 1909, shall revert to the  
25 State of Washington.

1 **SEC. 609. VESSEL DETERMINATION.**

2 The vessel assigned United States official number  
3 1205366 is deemed a new vessel effective on the date of  
4 delivery of the vessel after January 1, 2012, from a pri-  
5 vately owned United States shipyard, if no encumbrances  
6 are on record with the Coast Guard at the time of the  
7 issuance of the new certificate of documentation for the  
8 vessel.

9 **SEC. 610. SAFE VESSEL OPERATION IN THUNDER BAY.**

10 The Secretary of the department in which the Coast  
11 Guard is operating and the Administrator of the Environ-  
12 mental Protection Agency may not prohibit a vessel oper-  
13 ating within the existing boundaries and any future ex-  
14 panded boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine  
15 Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve from taking up or  
16 discharging ballast water to allow for safe and efficient  
17 vessel operation if the uptake or discharge meets all Fed-  
18 eral and State ballast water management requirements  
19 that would apply if the area were not a marine sanctuary.

20 **SEC. 611. PARKING FACILITIES.**

21 (a) ALLOCATION AND ASSIGNMENT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the requirements  
23 of this section, the Administrator of General Serv-  
24 ices, in coordination with the Commandant of the  
25 Coast Guard, shall allocate and assign the spaces in  
26 parking facilities at the Department of Homeland

1 Security St. Elizabeths Campus to allow any mem-  
2 ber or employee of the Coast Guard, who is assigned  
3 to the Campus, to use such spaces.

4 (2) TIMING.—In carrying out paragraph (1),  
5 and in addition to the parking spaces allocated and  
6 assigned to Coast Guard members and employees in  
7 fiscal year 2014, the Administrator shall allocate  
8 and assign not less than—

9 (A) 300 parking spaces not later than Sep-  
10 tember 30, 2015;

11 (B) 700 parking spaces not later than Sep-  
12 tember 30, 2016; and

13 (C) 1,042 parking spaces not later than  
14 September 30, 2017.

15 (b) TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT REPORT.—Not  
16 later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this  
17 Act, and each fiscal year thereafter in which spaces are  
18 allocated and assigned under subsection (a)(2), the Ad-  
19 ministrator shall provide to the Committee on Commerce,  
20 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-  
21 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House  
22 of Representatives a report on—

23 (1) the impact of assigning and allocating park-  
24 ing spaces under subsection (a) on the congestion of  
25 roads connecting the St. Elizabeths Campus to the

1 portions of Suitland Parkway and I-295 located in  
2 the Anacostia section of the District of Columbia;  
3 and

4 (2) progress made toward completion of essen-  
5 tial transportation improvements identified in the  
6 Transportation Management Program for the St.  
7 Elizabeths Campus.

8 (c) REALLOCATION.—Notwithstanding subsection  
9 (a), the Administrator may revise the allocation and as-  
10 signment of spaces to members and employees of the  
11 Coast Guard made under subsection (a) as necessary to  
12 accommodate employees of the Department of Homeland  
13 Security, other than the Coast Guard, when such employ-  
14 ees are assigned to the St. Elizabeths Campus.

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Attest:

*Secretary.*





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