

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 221

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## AN ACT

To reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act  
of 1998, 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 “Hydrographic Services  
3 Improvement Amendments Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES**  
5 **IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1998.**

6 (a) REAUTHORIZATIONS.—Section 306 of the Hydro-  
7 graphic Services Improvement Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C.  
8 892d) is amended—

9 (1) by inserting before “There are authorized”  
10 the following: “(a) IN GENERAL.—”;

11 (2) in subsection (a) (as designated by para-  
12 graph (1))—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “sur-  
14 veys—” and all that follows through the end of  
15 the paragraph and inserting “surveys,  
16 \$70,814,000 for each of fiscal years 2019  
17 through 2023.”;

18 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “ves-  
19 sels—” and all that follows through the end of  
20 the paragraph and inserting “vessels,  
21 \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019  
22 through 2023.”;

23 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “Admin-  
24 istration—” and all that follows through the  
25 end of the paragraph and inserting “Adminis-

1           tration, \$29,932,000 for each of fiscal years  
2           2019 through 2023.”;

3           (D) in paragraph (4), by striking  
4           “title—” and all that follows through the end  
5           of the paragraph and inserting “title,  
6           \$26,800,000 for each of fiscal years 2019  
7           through 2023.”; and

8           (E) in paragraph (5), by striking  
9           “title—” and all that follows through the end  
10          of the paragraph and inserting “title,  
11          \$30,564,000 for each of fiscal years 2019  
12          through 2023.”; and

13          (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
14          section:

15          “(b) ARCTIC PROGRAMS.—Of the amount authorized  
16          by this section for each fiscal year—

17                 “(1) \$10,000,000 is authorized for use to ac-  
18                 quire hydrographic data, provide hydrographic serv-  
19                 ices, conduct coastal change analyses necessary to  
20                 ensure safe navigation, and improve the manage-  
21                 ment of coastal change in the Arctic; and

22                 “(2) \$2,000,000 is authorized for use to ac-  
23                 quire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic  
24                 services in the Arctic necessary to delineate the  
25                 United States extended Continental Shelf.”.

1 (b) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR  
2 SURVEYS.—Section 306 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 892d) is  
3 further amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(c) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES  
5 FOR SURVEYS.—Of amounts authorized by this section for  
6 each fiscal year for hydrographic surveys, not more than  
7 5 percent is authorized for administrative costs.”.

8 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY.**

9 The Comptroller General of the United States shall,  
10 by not later than 18 months after the date of enactment  
11 of this Act—

12 (1) conduct a study comparing the unit costs of  
13 hydrographic surveys conducted by the National  
14 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the  
15 unit costs of procuring performance of such surveys;  
16 and

17 (2) report to the Congress on the findings of  
18 such study.

Passed the House of Representatives June 25, 2018.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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