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To improve passenger vessel security and safety, and for other purposes.

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Ms. MATSUI (for herself and Mr. FORTENBERRY) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

To improve passenger vessel security and safety, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Cruise Passenger Protection Act”.

6 (b) REFERENCES TO TITLE 46, UNITED STATES  
7 CODE.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, wherever  
8 in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms  
9 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-  
10 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a  
11 section or other provision of title 46, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 2. CRUISE VESSEL SUBCHAPTER.**

2 Chapter 35 is amended—

3 (1) by inserting before section 3501 the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 “SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS”;

6 (2) by inserting before section 3507 the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 “SUBCHAPTER II—CRUISE VESSELS”;

9 and

10 (3) by redesignating sections 3507 and 3508 as  
11 sections 3523 and 3524, respectively.

12 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION.**

13 Chapter 35, as amended by section 2 of this Act, is  
14 further amended by inserting before section 3523 the fol-  
15 lowing:

16 **“§ 3521. Application**

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—This subchapter applies to a  
18 passenger vessel that—

19 “(1) is authorized to carry at least 250 pas-  
20 sengers;

21 “(2) has on board sleeping facilities for each  
22 passenger;

23 “(3) is on a voyage that embarks or disembarks  
24 passengers in the United States; and

25 “(4) is not engaged on a coastwise voyage.

1       “(b) FEDERAL AND STATE VESSELS.—This sub-  
2 chapter does not apply to a vessel of the United States  
3 operated by the Federal Government or a vessel owned  
4 and operated by a State.”.

5 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

6       Chapter 35, as amended by sections 2 and 3 of this  
7 Act, is further amended by inserting after section 3521  
8 the following:

9 **“§ 3522. Definitions**

10       “In this subchapter, the following definitions apply:

11               “(1) COMMANDANT.—The term ‘Commandant’  
12 means the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

13               “(2) OWNER.—The term ‘owner’ means the  
14 owner, charterer, managing operator, master, or  
15 other individual in charge of a vessel.”.

16 **SEC. 5. BILL OF RIGHTS.**

17       Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment  
18 of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall deter-  
19 mine whether any of the enumerated rights in the inter-  
20 national cruise line passenger bill of rights, that was  
21 adopted by the members of the Cruise Lines International  
22 Association, are enforceable under Federal law.

23 **SEC. 6. CRIME REPORTING AND PUBLIC NOTICE.**

24       (a) AVAILABILITY OF LOG BOOK AND ENTRIES TO  
25 FBI AND OTHER INVESTIGATORS.—Section 3523(g)(1),

1 as redesignated under section 2 of this Act, is further  
2 amended—

3 (1) in subparagraph (A) by striking “in a cen-  
4 tralized location readily accessible to law enforce-  
5 ment personnel,”; and

6 (2) in subparagraph (B) by striking “make  
7 such log book available” and inserting “make the  
8 Captain’s log, the security log, and the engine room  
9 log and all others available, whether the log book  
10 and entries are maintained on board the vessel or at  
11 a centralized location off the vessel,”.

12 (b) DEADLINE TO NOTIFY FEDERAL BUREAU OF IN-  
13 VESTIGATION REGARDING CERTAIN INCIDENTS.—Section  
14 3523(g)(3)(A)(i), as redesignated under section 2 of this  
15 Act, is further amended—

16 (1) by striking “shall contact” and inserting  
17 “subject to subparagraph (C), shall contact”; and

18 (2) by striking “after the occurrence on board  
19 the vessel of an incident involving” and inserting “,  
20 but not later than 4 hours, after an employee of the  
21 vessel is notified of an incident on board the vessel  
22 allegedly involving”.

23 (c) REPORTS BEFORE DEPARTURE.—Section  
24 3523(g)(3), as redesignated under section 2 of this Act,  
25 is further amended by adding at the end the following:

1           “(C) REPORTS BEFORE DEPARTURE.—If  
2           an employee of a vessel to which this sub-  
3           chapter applies is notified of an incident de-  
4           scribed under subparagraph (A)(i) while the  
5           vessel is within the admiralty and maritime ju-  
6           risdiction of the United States and en route to  
7           a United States port or at a United States port,  
8           the owner of the vessel (or the owner’s des-  
9           ignee) shall contact the nearest Federal Bureau  
10          of Investigation Field Office or Legal Attache  
11          within the time period specified under subpara-  
12          graph (A)(i) or before the vessel departs port,  
13          whichever is earlier.”.

14          (d) REPORTS TO UNITED STATES CONSULATES.—  
15          Section 3523(g)(3), as redesignated under section 2 of  
16          this Act and as amended by subsection (c) of this section,  
17          is further amended by adding at the end the following:

18                 “(D) REPORTS TO UNITED STATES CON-  
19                 SULATES.—If an incident described under sub-  
20                 paragraph (A)(i) allegedly involves an offense  
21                 by or against a United States national, in addi-  
22                 tion to contacting the nearest Federal Bureau  
23                 of Investigation Field Office or Legal Attache  
24                 under that subparagraph, the owner of a vessel  
25                 to which this subchapter applies (or the owner’s

1           designee) shall contact the United States con-  
2           sulate at the next port of call within the time  
3           period specified under subparagraph (A)(i).”.

4           (e) AVAILABILITY OF SECURITY GUIDE VIA INTER-  
5 NET.—Section 3523(c)(1), as redesignated under section  
6 2 of this Act, is further amended—

7           (1) in subparagraph (A)—

8                   (A) by striking “a guide (referred to in  
9                   this subsection as the ‘security guide’)” and in-  
10                   serting “a security guide”; and

11                   (B) by striking “English, which” and in-  
12                   serting “English, that”; and

13           (2) in subparagraph (C) by striking “on the  
14           website of the vessel owner” and inserting “via a  
15           prominently accessible link on each Internet website  
16           that the vessel owner maintains for passengers to  
17           purchase or book trips on any vessel that the vessel  
18           owner owns or operates, and to which this sub-  
19           chapter applies”.

20           (f) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section  
21 3523(g)(3), as redesignated under section 2 of this Act  
22 and as amended by subsections (c) and (d) of this section,  
23 is further amended by adding at the end the following:

24                   “(E) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—All re-  
25                   ports required under subparagraphs (B), (C),

1 and (D) shall be reported to the State Fusion  
2 Center where the ship originally embarked from  
3 or disembarks, whichever is the sooner.”.

4 **SEC. 7. CRIME PREVENTION, DOCUMENTATION, AND RE-**  
5 **SPONSE REQUIREMENTS.**

6 (a) **MAINTENANCE AND PLACEMENT OF VIDEO SUR-**  
7 **VEILLANCE EQUIPMENT.**—Section 3523(b)(1), as redesi-  
8 gnated under section 2 of this Act, is further amended—

9 (1) by striking “The owner” and inserting the  
10 following:

11 “(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The owner”;

12 (2) by striking “, as determined by the Sec-  
13 retary”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end, the following:

15 “(B) **PLACEMENT OF VIDEO SURVEIL-**  
16 **LANCE EQUIPMENT.**—With regard to the place-  
17 ment of video surveillance equipment on a ves-  
18 sel under subparagraph (A), the owner shall—

19 “(i) place video surveillance equipment  
20 in each passenger common area where a  
21 person has no reasonable expectation of  
22 privacy;

23 “(ii) place video surveillance equip-  
24 ment in other areas where a person has no  
25 reasonable expectation of privacy; and

1                   “(iii) place video surveillance equip-  
2                   ment in each area identified under clause  
3                   (i) or (ii) in a manner that provides opti-  
4                   mum surveillance of that area.”.

5           (b) ACCESS TO VIDEO RECORDS.—Section 3523(b),  
6 as redesignated under section 2 of this Act, is further  
7 amended—

8           (1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-  
9           graph (3); and

10           (2) in paragraph (3), as redesignated—

11           (A) by striking “The owner” and inserting  
12           the following:

13           “(A) LAW ENFORCEMENT.—The owner”;  
14           and

15           (B) by adding at the end, the following:

16           “(B) CIVIL ACTIONS.—The owner of a ves-  
17           sel to which this subchapter applies shall pro-  
18           vide to any individual or the individual’s legal  
19           representative, upon written request, a copy of  
20           all records of video surveillance—

21           “(i) in which the individual is a sub-  
22           ject of the video surveillance; and

23           “(ii) that may provide evidence in a  
24           civil action.



1           “(C) LIMITED ACCESS.—Except as pro-  
2           vided under subparagraphs (A) and (B), the  
3           owner of a vessel to which this subchapter ap-  
4           plies shall ensure that access to records of video  
5           surveillance is limited to the purposes described  
6           under this section.”.

7           (c) NOTICE OF VIDEO SURVEILLANCE.—Section  
8           3523(b), as redesignated under section 2 of this Act and  
9           as amended by subsection (b) of this section, is further  
10          amended by inserting before paragraph (3) the following:

11           “(2) NOTICE OF VIDEO SURVEILLANCE.—The  
12          owner of a vessel to which this subchapter applies  
13          shall provide clear and conspicuous signs on board  
14          the vessel notifying the public of the presence of  
15          video surveillance equipment.”.

16          (d) RETENTION REQUIREMENTS.—Section 3523(b),  
17          as redesignated under section 2 of this Act and as amend-  
18          ed by subsections (b) and (c) of this section, is further  
19          amended by adding at the end the following:

20           “(4) RETENTION REQUIREMENTS.—

21           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The owner of a vessel  
22           to which this subchapter applies shall retain all  
23           records of video surveillance for a voyage for  
24           not less than 1 year after completion of the voy-  
25           age. If an incident described in subsection

1 (g)(3)(A)(i) is alleged and reported to law en-  
2 forcement, all records of video surveillance from  
3 the voyage that the Federal Bureau of Inves-  
4 tigation determines are relevant shall—

5 “(i) be provided to the Federal Bu-  
6 reau of Investigation; and

7 “(ii) be preserved by the vessel owner  
8 for not less than 5 years from the date of  
9 the alleged incident.

10 “(B) INTERIM STANDARDS.—Not later  
11 than 180 days after the date of enactment of  
12 the Cruise Passenger Protection Act, the Com-  
13 mandant, in consultation with the Federal Bu-  
14 reau of Investigation, shall promulgate interim  
15 standards for the retention of records of video  
16 surveillance.

17 “(C) FINAL STANDARDS.—Not later than  
18 1 year after the date of enactment of the Cruise  
19 Passenger Protection Act, the Commandant, in  
20 consultation with the Federal Bureau of Inves-  
21 tigation, shall promulgate final standards for  
22 the retention of records of video surveillance.

23 “(D) CONSIDERATIONS.—In promulgating  
24 standards under subparagraphs (B) and (C),  
25 the Commandant shall—

1           “(i) consider factors that would aid in  
2           the investigation of serious crimes, includ-  
3           ing crimes that go unreported until after  
4           the completion of a voyage;

5           “(ii) consider the different types of  
6           video surveillance systems and storage re-  
7           quirements in creating standards both for  
8           vessels currently in operation and for ves-  
9           sels newly built;

10          “(iii) consider privacy, including  
11          standards for permissible access to and  
12          monitoring and use of the records of video  
13          surveillance; and

14          “(iv) consider technological advance-  
15          ments, including requirements to update  
16          technology.”.

17          (e) AVAILABILITY OF INCIDENT DATA VIA INTER-  
18          NET.—Section 3523(g)(4)(A)(ii), as redesignated under  
19          section 2 of this Act, is further amended—

20                 (1) by redesignating subclauses (V) and (VI) as  
21                 subclauses (VI) and (VII), respectively; and

22                 (2) by inserting after subclause (IV) the fol-  
23                 lowing:

24                         “(V) identify whether each crime  
25                         or alleged crime identified under sub-

1 clause (IV) was committed or alleg-  
2 edly committed against a minor;”.

3 (f) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of  
4 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation,  
5 in coordination with the Secretary of the department in  
6 which the Coast Guard is operating, the Attorney General,  
7 and the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall  
8 conduct a study to determine the feasibility of having an  
9 individual on board each passenger vessel to which sub-  
10 chapter II of chapter 35 of title 46, United States Code,  
11 applies to provide victim support services and related safe-  
12 ty and security services, and shall report the findings of  
13 such study to Congress. The study shall include consider-  
14 ation of costs, benefits to passengers, jurisdiction, and lo-  
15 gistics.

16 (g) CRIMINAL ACTIVITY PREVENTION AND RE-  
17 SPONSE GUIDE.—Section 3523(e)(1), as redesignated by  
18 section 2 of this Act and as amended by section 6(e) of  
19 this Act, is further amended by amending subparagraph  
20 (B) to read as follows:

21 “(B) provide a copy of the security guide  
22 to—  
23 “(i) the Secretary of Transportation  
24 for review;

1           “(ii) the Federal Bureau of Investiga-  
2           tion for comment; and

3           “(iii) a passenger immediately after  
4           the vessel is notified that the passenger is  
5           an alleged victim of an incident described  
6           under subsection (g)(3)(A)(i) and such  
7           passenger shall be informed that they have  
8           the right to notify the FBI themselves that  
9           they have been a victim of a crime on a  
10          cruise ship; and”.

11          (h) MAINTENANCE OF SUPPLIES TO PREVENT SEXU-  
12          ALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES.—Section 3523(d)(1), as  
13          redesignated by section 2 of this Act, is further amended  
14          by inserting “(taking into consideration the length of the  
15          voyage and the number of passengers and crewmembers  
16          that the vessel can accommodate)” after “a sexual as-  
17          sault”.

18          (i) CRIME SCENE PRESERVATION TRAINING; CER-  
19          TIFICATION OF ORGANIZATIONS BY MARAD.—Section  
20          3524(a), as redesignated by section 2 of this Act, is fur-  
21          ther amended by striking “may certify” and inserting  
22          “shall certify”.

23          (j) CREW ACCESS TO PASSENGER STATEROOMS;  
24          PROCEDURES AND RESTRICTIONS.—Section 3523(f), as

1 redesignated by section 2 of this Act, is further amend-  
2 ed—

3 (1) in paragraph (1)—

4 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-  
5 paragraph (A); and

6 (B) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(C) a system that electronically records  
8 the date, time, and identity of each crew mem-  
9 ber accessing each passenger stateroom; and”;  
10 and

11 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “are fully and  
12 properly implemented and periodically reviewed.”  
13 and inserting “are fully and properly implemented,  
14 reviewed annually, and updated as necessary.”.

15 (k) TECHNOLOGY FOR DETECTING PASSENGERS  
16 WHO HAVE FALLEN OVERBOARD REQUIRED.—Section  
17 3523(a)(1)(D), as redesignated by section 2 of this Act,  
18 is further amended—

19 (1) by striking “or” and inserting “and”; and

20 (2) inserting “to the extent that the Inter-  
21 national Maritime Organization deems such tech-  
22 nology is available” after “available”.

23 (l) REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING.—Section  
24 3523(b), as redesignated by section 2 of this Act and

1 amended by subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this section,  
2 is further amended by adding at the end:

3           “(F) REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING.—  
4           Any reporting requirement under this sub-  
5           section is required regardless of whether or not  
6           the Federal Bureau of Investigation has opened  
7           a formal investigation.”.

8 **SEC. 8. PASSENGER VESSEL SECURITY AND SAFETY RE-**  
9           **QUIREMENTS.**

10           (a) VESSEL DESIGN, EQUIPMENT, CONSTRUCTION,  
11 AND RETROFITTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 3523(a),  
12 as redesignated by section 2 of this Act, is further amend-  
13 ed—

14           (1) in paragraph (1)—

15           (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
16 (A) by striking “to which this subsection ap-  
17 plies” and inserting “to which this subchapter  
18 applies”;

19           (B) in subparagraph (A)—

20           (i) by striking “The vessel” and in-  
21 sserting “Each exterior deck of a vessel”;  
22 and

23           (ii) by striking the period at the end  
24 and inserting “unless the height require-  
25 ment would interfere with the deployment

1 of a lifesaving device or other emergency  
2 equipment as identified by the Com-  
3 mandant.”; and

4 (C) in subparagraph (B) by striking “entry  
5 doors that include peep holes or other means of  
6 visual identification.” and inserting “an entry  
7 door that includes a peep hole or other means  
8 of visual identification that provides an unob-  
9 structed view of the area outside the stateroom  
10 or crew cabin and, for purposes of this subpara-  
11 graph, the addition of an optional privacy cover  
12 on the interior side of the entry shall not in and  
13 of itself constitute an obstruction.”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(3) WAIVERS; RECORD OF WAIVERS.—The  
16 Secretary—

17 “(A) may waive a requirement under para-  
18 graph (1) as the Secretary determines nec-  
19 essary;

20 “(B) shall maintain a record of each waiv-  
21 er made under subparagraph (A); and

22 “(C) shall include in such record the jus-  
23 tification for the waiver.”.

24 (b) MEDICAL STANDARDS.—



1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3523, as redesignated by section 2 of this Act, is further amended—

2                   (A) by striking subsections (k) and (l); and

3                   (B) by inserting after subsection (j) the

4                   following:

5           “(k) MEDICAL STANDARDS.—

6                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—The owner of a vessel to which this subchapter applies shall ensure that—

7                           “(A) a physician is always present and available to treat any passengers who may be on board the vessel in the event of an emergency situation;

8                           “(B) there is a sufficient number of qualified medical staff on board the vessel to treat the number of passengers who may be on board the vessel, as determined by the Secretary by regulation;

9                           “(C) if a United States citizen dies on board the vessel and the citizen’s next of kin requests that the citizen’s body return to the United States on board the vessel, such request is granted;

10                           “(D) every crew member on board the vessel has received basic life support training and is certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

1           “(E) automated external defibrillators  
2           are—

3                   “(i) placed throughout the vessel in  
4                   clearly designated locations;

5                   “(ii) available for passenger access in  
6                   the event of an emergency; and

7                   “(iii) capable of contacting cruise  
8                   medical staff through tracing or callbox ca-  
9                   pability; and

10           “(F) the initial safety briefing given to the  
11           passengers on board the vessel includes—

12                   “(i) the location of the vessel’s med-  
13                   ical facilities;

14                   “(ii) the appropriate steps passengers  
15                   should follow during a medical emergency;

16                   “(iii) the location and proper use of  
17                   automated external defibrillators; and

18                   “(iv) the proper way to report an inci-  
19                   dent or to seek security assistance in the  
20                   event of a medical emergency.

21           “(2) PHYSICIAN DEFINED.—In this subsection,  
22           the term ‘physician’ means a medical doctor who—

23                   “(A) has at least 3 years of post-graduate,  
24                   post-registration experience in general and  
25                   emergency medicine; or

1           “(B) is board certified in emergency medi-  
2           cine, family medicine, or internal medicine.

3           “(3) QUALIFIED MEDICAL STAFF DEFINED.—In  
4           this subsection, the term ‘qualified medical staff’  
5           means a medical professional certified in ACLS and  
6           ATLS training.”.

7           (2) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by  
8           paragraph (1)(B) shall apply on and after the date  
9           that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of  
10          this Act.

11          (c) DEFINITION OF EXTERIOR DECK.—Section 3523,  
12          as redesignated by section 2 of this Act and as amended  
13          by subsection (b) of this section, is further amended by  
14          inserting after subsection (k) the following:

15          “(l) DEFINITION OF EXTERIOR DECK.—In this sec-  
16          tion, the term ‘exterior deck’ means any exterior weather  
17          deck on which a passenger may be present, including pas-  
18          senger stateroom balconies, exterior promenades on pas-  
19          senger decks, muster stations, and similar exterior weath-  
20          er deck areas.”.

21          **SEC. 9. ENFORCEMENT.**

22          (a) INFORMATION SHARING.—

23                  (1) IN GENERAL.—To the extent not prohibited  
24                  by other law, the head of a designated agency shall  
25                  make available to another head of a designated

1 agency any information necessary to carry out the  
 2 provisions of subchapter II of chapter 35 of title 46,  
 3 United States Code. The provision by the head of a  
 4 designated agency of any information under this  
 5 subsection to another head of a designated agency  
 6 shall not constitute a waiver, or otherwise affect, any  
 7 privilege any agency or person may claim with re-  
 8 spect to that information under Federal or State  
 9 law.

10 (2) DEFINITION OF HEAD OF A DESIGNATED  
 11 AGENCY.—In this subsection, the term “head of a  
 12 designated agency” means the Secretary of Trans-  
 13 portation, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or  
 14 the Attorney General.

15 (b) PASSENGER VESSEL SECURITY AND SAFETY RE-  
 16 QUIREMENTS; DENIAL OF ENTRY.—Section 3523(h), as  
 17 redesignated by section 2 of this Act, is further amend-  
 18 ed—

19 (1) by striking paragraph (2);

20 (2) in the subsection heading by striking “EN-  
 21 FORCEMENT” and inserting “PENALTIES”; and

22 (3) in paragraph (1)—

23 (A) by striking “(1) PENALTIES.—” and  
 24 all that follows through “(A) CIVIL PENALTY.—”

25 ” and inserting “(1) CIVIL PENALTY.—”; and

1 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as  
2 paragraph (2), and adjusting the margin appro-  
3 priately.

4 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—Chapter 35, as amended by this  
5 Act, is further amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 **“§ 3525. Refusal of clearance; denial of entry**

8 “(a) CLEARANCE.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-  
9 curity may withhold or revoke the clearance required  
10 under section 60105 of any vessel of the owner of a vessel  
11 to which this subchapter applies, wherever the vessel is  
12 found, if the owner of the vessel—

13 “(1) commits an act or omission for which a  
14 penalty may be imposed under this subchapter; or

15 “(2) fails to pay a penalty imposed on the  
16 owner under this subchapter.

17 “(b) DENIAL OF ENTRY.—The Secretary of the de-  
18 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating may deny  
19 entry into the United States to a vessel to which this sub-  
20 chapter applies if the owner of the vessel—

21 “(1) commits an act or omission for which a  
22 penalty may be imposed under this subchapter; or

23 “(2) fails to pay a penalty imposed on the  
24 owner under this subchapter.”.

1 **SEC. 10. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3523, as redesignated by  
3 section 2 of this Act and as otherwise amended by this  
4 Act, is further amended by striking “to which this section  
5 applies” each place it appears and inserting “to which this  
6 subchapter applies”.

7 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3524, as  
8 redesignated by section 2 of this Act and as otherwise  
9 amended by this Act, is further amended by striking “to  
10 which this section applies” each place it appears and in-  
11 serting “to which this subchapter applies”.

12 **SEC. 11. LIMITATIONS IN CERTAIN CASES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 30307 is amended—

14 (1) in the section heading by striking “**Com-**  
15 **mercial aviation accidents**” and inserting  
16 “**Limitations in certain cases**”;

17 (2) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the  
18 following:

19 “(a) DEFINITION OF CRUISE SHIP.—In this section,  
20 the term ‘cruise ship’ means a passenger vessel, other than  
21 a vessel of the United States operated by the Federal Gov-  
22 ernment or a vessel owned and operated by a State, that—

23 “(1) is authorized to carry at least 250 pas-  
24 sengers;

25 “(2) has onboard sleeping facilities for each  
26 passenger;

1           “(3) is on a voyage that embarks or disembarks  
2 passengers in the United States; and

3           “(4) is not engaged on a coastwise voyage.”;

4           (3) in subsection (b) by inserting “or a death  
5 on a cruise ship resulting from a wrongful act, ne-  
6 glect, or default” after “commercial aviation acci-  
7 dent”; and

8           (4) in subsection (c) by inserting “or a death  
9 on a cruise ship resulting from a wrongful act, ne-  
10 glect, or default” after “commercial aviation acci-  
11 dent”.

12       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
13 for chapter 303 is amended by striking the item relating  
14 to section 30307 and inserting the following:

“30307. Limitations in certain cases.”.

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