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# H. R. 2922

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 17, 2025

Mr. BACON (for himself, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. MATSUI, and Ms. SCANLON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hammers’ Law”.

5 **SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS IN CERTAIN CASES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 30307 of title 46, United  
7 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**Com-**  
2 **mercial aviation accidents**” and inserting  
3 “**Limitations in certain cases**”;

4 (2) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the  
5 following:

6 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 “(1) CRUISE SHIP.—The term ‘cruise ship’  
8 means a passenger vessel, other than a vessel of the  
9 United States operated by the Federal Government  
10 or a vessel owned and operated by a State, that—

11 “(A) is authorized to carry at least 250  
12 passengers;

13 “(B) has onboard sleeping facilities for  
14 each passenger;

15 “(C) is on a voyage that embarks or dis-  
16 embarks passengers in the United States; and

17 “(D) is not engaged on a coastwise voyage.

18 “(2) NONPECUNIARY DAMAGES.—The term  
19 ‘nonpecuniary damages’ means damages for loss of  
20 care, comfort, and companionship.”;

21 (3) in subsection (b), by inserting “or cruise  
22 ship voyage” after “commercial aviation”; and

23 (4) in subsection (c), by inserting “or cruise  
24 ship voyage” after “commercial aviation”.

1           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
2 for chapter 303 of title 46, United States Code, is amend-  
3 ed by striking the item relating to section 30307 and in-  
4 serting the following:

“30307. Limitations in certain cases.”.

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