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United States Cruise Vessel Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]

Party: Republican • State: AZ • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cleland, Max [D-GA]	D · GA		Jan 22, 2001
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		Jan 22, 2001
Sen. Murkowski, Frank H. [R-AK]	R · AK		Jan 22, 2001
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Jan 23, 2001
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 25, 2001
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 29, 2001
Sen. Sarbanes, Paul S. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 29, 2001
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2001
Sen. Thurmond, Strom [R-SC]	R · SC		Feb 1, 2001
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Apr 2, 2001
Sen. Breaux, John B. [D-LA]	D · LA		Apr 5, 2001
Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]	R · MT		May 2, 2001
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		May 2, 2001
Sen. Hollings, Ernest F. [D-SC]	D · SC		May 3, 2001
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 7, 2001
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 19, 2001
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 16, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 27, 2001

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jul 27, 2001)

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United States Cruise Vessel Act - **Title I: Operations Under Certificate of Documentation** - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with a temporary coastwise endorsement for an eligible foreign-built cruise vessel to operate in domestic itineraries in the transportation of passengers in the coastwise trade between U.S. ports if the vessel meets certain requirements, including that: (1) the vessel operator promises that any repairs to it will be performed in a U.S. shipyard; and (2) such operator, with a specified exception, executes a contract with one or more U.S. shipyards for the construction of two or more cruise vessels with a total combined berth or stateroom capacity equal to at least that of the operator's vessel to which a certificate of documentation has been issued. Terminates the coastwise endorsement for an eligible cruise vessel 24 months after the delivery date for the replacement vessel(s) for it. Authorizes the operator of an eligible cruise vessel that has been issued a certificate of documentation, or a cruise vessel that has been constructed under contract, to place such vessel under foreign registry.

(Sec. 104) Prohibits eligible cruise vessels operating in domestic itineraries from operating as a ferry, regularly carrying for hire both passengers and vehicles or other cargo, or operating between or among the Hawaiian Islands.

(Sec. 105) Directs the Secretary to give priority to U.S.- built cruise vessels over other eligible foreign-built cruise vessels in a comparable market that have been issued a certificate of documentation if the Secretary, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, determines that the employment in the coastwise trade of an eligible foreign-built cruise vessel will adversely affect the coastwise trade business of any person operating a vessel not documented under this Act.

**Title II: Other Provisions** - Requires new or otherwise available permits for U.S.-flag vessels carrying passengers for hire into Glacier Bay or other National Park Service areas.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 27, 2001:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Hollings without amendment. With written report No. 107-47.
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- **Jul 27, 2001:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 106.
- **May 3, 2001:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 22, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 22, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S402-403)
- **Jan 22, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S403-404)