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Related Bills

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| 107 HR 1699 | Related bill | Jun 7, 2001: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |

Coast Guard Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 - **Title I: Authorization of Appropriations for the Coast Guard** - Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2001 - Authorizes appropriations for the Coast Guard for FY 2002.

(Sec. 103) Authorizes end-of-year strength for the Coast Guard.

Title II: Maritime Policy Improvement - Maritime Policy Improvement Act of 2001 - Amends the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade to a specified vessel (Coastal Venture).

(Sec. 203) Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to the American Merchant Marine Veterans Memorial Committee, Inc., to construct an addition to the American Merchant Marine Memorial Wall of Honor located at the Los Angeles Maritime Museum in San Pedro, California. Authorizes appropriations.

(Sec. 204) States that the discharge from a vessel of any agricultural cargo residue material in the form of hold washings shall be governed exclusively by the provisions of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships that implement Annex V to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships.

(Sec. 205) Revises the method for recording and discharging certain maritime liens.

(Sec. 206) Directs the Secretary to prescribe a tonnage measurement as a small passenger vessel for a named vessel for purposes of applying the optional regulatory measurement.

(Sec. 207) Authorizes the Secretary to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade to 20 specified vessels.

(Sec. 208) Authorizes exempting two specified vessels from certain inspection requirements for passenger vessels so long as the vessels are owned by nonprofit organizations and operated as nonprofit memorials to merchant mariners.

(Sec. 209) Authorizes the Secretary to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade to three specified vessels.

(Sec. 210) Authorizes the Secretary to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade to a specified vessel, under specified circumstances.

(Sec. 211) Permits, for a limited period of time, the ten sailboats participating in the New World Challenge Race to transport guests, who have not contributed consideration for their passage, from and around the ports of San Francisco and San Diego, California, before and during stops of that race.

(Sec. 212) Permits a specified vessel (Asphalt Commander) to be transferred to or placed under a foreign registry or sold to a person that is not a U.S. citizen and transferred to or placed under a foreign registry.

Title III: Coast Guard Personnel and Marine Safety - Coast Guard Personnel and Maritime Safety Act of 2001 - **Subtitle A: Personnel Management** - Limits the director of the Coast Guard band to the rank of captain (currently, commander).

(Sec. 312) Authorizes compensatory absence from duty for Coast Guard military personnel serving at isolated duty stations (currently, at isolated aids to navigation) in certain circumstances.

(Sec. 313) Allows a promotion selection board to recommend officers of particular merit for placement at the top of the list of selectees and requires, if approved by the President, placement of those officers (in seniority order) at the top of the list. Requires a survey and report to determine if such placements will improve Coast guard officer retention.

Subtitle B: Marine Safety - Amends the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act to revise requirements regarding the waters on which vessels, dredges, and floating plants must carry a radiotelephone.

(Sec. 322) Prohibits the application of the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995 with respect to specified reports concerning Coast Guard operations and expenditures, summary of marine casualties, user fee activities and amounts, public port conditions, activities of the Federal Maritime Commission, and activities of the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Oil Pollution Research.

(Sec. 323) Allows the Coast Guard to borrow a limited amount from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund when the limit of \$50 million in unappropriated funds is inadequate to deal with a discharge or threatened discharge. Mandates repayment to the Fund when, and to the extent that, removal costs are recovered from responsible parties.

(Sec. 324) Amends Federal law relating to vessels and seamen to: (1) authorize, in certain circumstances, issuance of interim merchant mariner's documents valid for a period not over 120 days; and (2) exempt, with regard to those employed as entertainment personnel with no duties, including emergency duties, related to navigation or safety of the vessel, crew, cargo, or passengers, a passenger vessel that is not engaged in a foreign voyage from a requirement that a vessel employee have a merchant mariner's document.

(Sec. 325) Increases fine limits for negligent vessel operation or interfering with safe vessel operation.

Subtitle C: Renewal of Advisory Groups - Renames the Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee as the Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Safety Advisory Committee. Extends the Committee's termination date.

(Sec. 332) Extends the termination dates of the Houston-Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee, the Lower Mississippi River Waterway Advisory Committee, the Navigation Safety Advisory Council, the National Boating Safety Advisory Council, and the Towing Safety Advisory Committee.

Subtitle D: Miscellaneous - Authorizes the Secretary, notwithstanding any other provision of law, to accept, by direct transfer without cost, for use by the Coast Guard primarily for expanded drug interdiction activities required to meet national supply reduction goals, up to seven PC-170 patrol craft from the Department of Defense if it offers to transfer such craft.

(Sec. 342) Amends the Ports and Waterways Safety Act to require a commercial vessel to give notification at least 96 hours before entering into U.S. waters. Sets forth information to be contained in such notification.

Authorizes denial of entry of a vessel into U.S. waters if: (1) the Secretary has not received notification from the vessel; or (2) the vessel is not in compliance with any other applicable law relating to marine safety, security, or environmental protection.

Authorizes the Secretary to direct the operation of any vessel in navigable U.S. waters during hazardous circumstances, including the absence of a pilot required by Federal or State law, weather, casualty, vessel traffic, or the poor condition of the vessel.

(Sec. 343) Authorizes the Coast Guard to operate and maintain a Caribbean Support Tender (or similar vessel) to

provide technical assistance, including law enforcement training, for foreign coast guards, navies, and other maritime services.

Authorizes the Commandant to provide medical and dental care to foreign military Caribbean Support Tender personnel and their dependents accompanying them in the United States, as specified.

(Sec. 344) Amends Federal law to extend the expiration date on the prohibition against new maritime user fees.

(Sec. 345) Requires the Coast Guard to: (1) continue to offer assistance to organizations dedicated to Great Lakes lighthouse stewardship; and (2) promptly release information regarding the timing of designations of Coast Guard lighthouses on the Great Lakes as surplus property.

(Sec. 346) Directs the Secretary to prepare a status report on the modernization of the National Distress and Response System and transmit the report to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives. Specifies report contents.

(Sec. 347) Authorizes conveyance, without consideration, to the Gulf of Maine Aquarium Development Corporation the Naval Reserve Pier property (exclusive of floating docks) in Portland, Maine. Imposes specified requirements.

(Sec. 348) Requires the Coast Guard to: (1) study existing local harbor safety coordinating committees in the United States regarding cooperation with interested groups, organizational models, technological assistance, and recurring resources; and (2) test the feasibility of expanding the harbor safety committee concept to small and medium-sized ports not generally served by such a committee by establishing one or more prototype committees. Makes the Federal Advisory Committee Act inapplicable to harbor safety committees established under any provision of law.

(Sec. 349) Authorizes the conveyance of all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to each of the following properties: (1) Coast Guard Slip Point Light Station, located in Clallam County, Washington, to Clallam County, Washington; and (2) the parcel of land on which is situated the Point Pin AE60s Light, located in Monterey County, California, to the city of Pacific Grove, California. Sets forth terms and conditions.

(Sec. 350) Revises provisions concerning boat safety funding.

Title IV: Omnibus Maritime Improvements - Omnibus Maritime and Coast Guard Improvements Act of 2001 - Amends Federal law concerning Coast Guard housing authorities to double the amount of the total value in budget authority permitted for all contracts and investments undertaken using such authorities.

Authorizes the Coast Guard to implement a demonstration project for the acquisition or construction of military family housing and military unaccompanied housing at the Coast Guard installation in Kodiak, Alaska.

Extends Coast Guard housing authorities from October 1, 2001, to October 1, 2006.

(Sec. 403) Directs the Secretary to develop, maintain, and periodically update an inventory of documented vessels 200 feet or more in length that have the capability to lay, maintain, or repair a submarine cable, without regard to whether a particular vessel is classified as a cable ship or cable vessel.

(Sec. 404) Permits only specified vessels, except in the case of a vessel in distress, to perform the following vessel escort operations and vessel towing assistance within the navigable waters of the United States: (1) operation or assistance that commences or terminates at a port or place in the United States; (2) operation or assistance required by

United States law or regulation; and (3) operation provided in whole or in part for the purpose of escorting or assisting a vessel within or through navigation facilities owned, maintained, or operated by the U.S. Government or the approaches to such facilities, other than facilities operated by the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation on the St. Lawrence River portion of the Seaway.

(Sec. 405) Requires the establishment, implementation, and maintenance of the minimum standards necessary for the safe operation of all Coast Guard search and rescue center facilities.

(Sec. 406) Permits the Secretary to allow a person providing commercial VHF communications services to place commercial VHF communications equipment on Coast Guard owned or controlled property (including towers) subject to any terms agreed to by the parties.

(Sec. 407) Authorizes appropriations to the Secretary for lower Columbia River marine, fire, oil, and toxic spill response communications, training, equipment, and program administration activities conducted by the Maritime Fire and Safety Association.

(Sec. 409) Prohibits a vessel which has been forfeited to the U.S. Government for a breach of U.S. laws from obtaining a certificate of documentation with a fisheries endorsement.

(Sec. 410) Requires the Commandant of the Coast Guard to ensure that all Coast Guard personnel are equipped with adequate safety equipment, including hypothermia protective clothing where appropriate, while performing search and rescue missions.

(Sec. 411) Revises provisions concerning the promotion of Coast Guard Reserve Officers.

(Sec. 412) Authorizes the Coast Guard to continue commanders and lieutenant commanders scheduled to retire due to failure of selection for promotion.

(Sec. 413) Authorizes providing financial assistance to an eligible enlisted member of the Coast Guard Reserve, not on active duty, for expenses of the member while the member is pursuing on a full-time basis at an approved institution of higher education a program of education that leads to: (1) a baccalaureate degree in not more than five academic years; or (2) a post-baccalaureate degree.

(Sec. 414) Permits the Coast Guard to offer to captains who would otherwise be forced to retire after 30 years of duty the opportunity to continue on active duty.

(Sec. 415) Allows the Coast Guard to pay death gratuities to personal representatives of Coast Guard Auxiliarists who die in the line of duty, to the same extent that death gratuities are paid on behalf of Federal employees.

(Sec. 416) Revises the Coast Guard's severance pay provisions to align Coast Guard severance pay and revocation of commission authority with Department of Defense authority.

(Sec. 417) Permits the Commandant of the Coast Guard to lease to non-Federal entities, including private individuals, lighthouse property under the administrative control of the Coast Guard for terms not to exceed 30 years.

(Sec. 418) Amends the Maritime Drug Law Enforcement Act to permit the Coast Guard's drug interdiction jurisdiction to extend to 24 nautical miles from U.S. shores (the outer limit of the U.S. contiguous zone). Specifies the circumstances under which the Government can seize a vessel which participates in illicit drug smuggling.

(Sec. 419) Amends the definition of small passenger vessel to include wing-in-ground craft that carry at least one passenger for hire. Defines such craft.

(Sec. 420) Removes the requirement for filing an original commercial instrument (for example, a ship mortgage) within ten days of the electronic filing of the instrument.

(Sec. 421) Eliminates the requirement for a thumbprint to be placed on a merchant mariner's document.

(Sec. 422) Authorizes the Secretary to delegate, subject to the supervision and control of the Secretary and under terms set out by regulation, to private entities determined and certified by the Secretary to be qualified, the authority to issue a temporary certificate of documentation for a recreational vessel.

(Sec. 423) Authorizes the Coast Guard to conduct marine casualty investigations involving foreign vessels in areas outside U.S. territorial waters consistent with the practices and procedures of international law.

(Sec. 424) Directs the Secretary to convey to BaySail, Inc. (a nonprofit corporation), without monetary consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to property adjacent to Coast Guard Station Saginaw River, located in Hampton Township, Michigan.

(Sec. 425) Amends the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996 with respect to a conveyance by the Secretary of Transportation of specified Federal property to the Traverse City Area Public School District. Replaces the school district as recipient with any public or private nonprofit entity for an educational or recreational purpose.

(Sec. 426) Directs the Secretary to annually submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report, prepared in conjunction with the Commandant of the Coast Guard, setting forth the capabilities and readiness of the Coast Guard to fulfill its national defense responsibilities.

(Sec. 427) Extends the authorization for the Oil Spill Recovery Institute through FY 2012.

(Sec. 428) Directs the Secretary to issue certificates of documentation to three specified vessels for employment in the coastwise trade.

(Sec. 429) Prohibits the Commandant of the Coast Guard from planning, implementing, or finalizing any regulation or take any other action which would result in the decommissioning of any WYTL-class harbor tugs unless and until the Commandant certifies in writing to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, that sufficient replacement capability has been procured by the Coast Guard to remediate any degradation in current icebreaking services that would be caused by such decommissioning.

(Sec. 430) Authorizes the Commandant of the Coast Guard to provide support, with or without reimbursement, to an entity engaged in fishing vessel safety training.

(Sec. 431) States that Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Service pilots shall not be liable for damages related to their official assistance unless such assistance constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(Sec. 432) Authorizes the Secretary to use amounts to provide financial assistance to the City of Chicago, Illinois, to pay the Federal share of the cost of a project to demolish the Old Coast Guard Station.

(Sec. 433) Revises provisions concerning tonnage measurement for purposes of eligibility of certain vessels for fishery endorsement.

(Sec. 434) Extends time for recreational vessel and associated equipment recalls.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 20, 2001:** Considered as unfinished business. (CR H10936)
- **Dec 20, 2001:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR 11/19/2001 H10406-10416)
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- **Dec 20, 2001:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 20, 2001:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 301.
- **Dec 19, 2001:** Mr. LoBiondo moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 19, 2001:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (CR H10406-10418, H10887)
- **Dec 19, 2001:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3507.
- **Dec 19, 2001:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Ms. Brown (FL) objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **Dec 18, 2001:** Introduced in House
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- **Dec 18, 2001:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.