

## HR 1442

To complete the codification of title 46, United States Code, "Shipping", as positive law.

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Mar 17, 2005

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 109-304.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 109-304. (Oct 6, 2006)

**Law:** 109-304 (Enacted Oct 6, 2006)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-bill/1442>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Mar 17, 2005

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Jul 14, 2005
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 7, 2006

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

**(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on July 14, 2005. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Declares that the purpose of this Act is to enact into positive law title 46 of the United States Code, entitled "Shipping."  
Sets forth organizational and administrative provisions regarding the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC).

Amends federal shipping law to require, upon the request of the Secretary of Defense, the head of an agency responsible for the administration of navigation or vessel-inspection laws to waive compliance with such laws in the interest of national defense.

Exempts cargo on a vessel from forfeiture if: (1) the cargo is owned in good faith by a person not the owner, master, or crewmember of the vessel; and (2) the customs duties on the cargo have been paid.

Sets forth a civil penalty (if no penalty exists) for persons convicted of violating a regulation or order of the FMC or the Secretary of Transportation.

Makes technical and conforming amendments and sets forth requirements with respect to: (1) documentation of vessels; (2) maritime liability; (3) regulation of ocean shipping, including shipping in foreign trade; (4) the Merchant Marine and the Merchant Marine Service; (5) clearance of, and tonnage taxes and duties levied against, vessels; (6) maritime security and drug enforcement; (7) vessel wrecks and salvage; (8) ice patrol and the destruction or removal of vessel derelicts; (9) safe containers for international cargo; and (10) the Maritime Administration in the Department of Transportation.

Amends various federal maritime laws to require the Secretary of Homeland Security (currently, the Secretary of the Treasury) to withhold or revoke clearance of a vessel that has committed certain maritime violations.

Repeals specified shipping laws.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 6, 2006:** Signed by President.
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- **Oct 6, 2006:** Became Public Law No: 109-304.
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- **Sep 27, 2006:** Presented to President.
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- **Sep 14, 2006:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 13, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9565)
- **Sep 13, 2006:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S9565)
- **Sep 7, 2006:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Sep 7, 2006:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Specter without amendment. Without written report.
- **Sep 7, 2006:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Specter without amendment. Without written report.
- **Sep 7, 2006:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 594.
- **Nov 17, 2005:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Mr. Sensenbrenner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10247-10312)
- **Nov 16, 2005:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1442.
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H10247-10311)
- **Nov 16, 2005:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H10247-10311)
- **Nov 16, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 14, 2005:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 109-170.
- **Jul 14, 2005:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 109-170.
- **Jul 14, 2005:** Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 61.
- **Jun 29, 2005:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 29, 2005:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 17, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **Mar 17, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E484)
- **Mar 17, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.