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S 1640

Vessel Hull Design Protection Amendments of 2007

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Jun 18, 2007

Current Status: Received in the House.

Latest Action: Received in the House. (Oct 5, 2007)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

Party: Democratic • State: VT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	$R \cdot TX$		Jun 18, 2007
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 18, 2007
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 18, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 4, 2007
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 5, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 6531	Related bill	Oct 16, 2008: Became Public Law No: 110-434.
110 S 3106	Related bill	Jun 10, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5449)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Vessel Hull Design Protection Amendments of 2007 - Amends federal copyright law to specify that the design of a vessel's hull, deck, or combination of a hull and deck, including a plug or mold are protected (currently, only the design of the vessel hull is protected, including a plug or mold and the definition of hull includes the deck).

Redefines "useful article" and "hull." Defines "deck" as the horizontal surface of the vessel that covers the hull, including exterior cabin and cockpit surfaces, and exclusive of masts, sails, yards, rigging, hardware, fixtures, and other attachments.

Actions Timeline

- Oct 5, 2007: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Oct 5, 2007: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- Oct 5, 2007: Received in the House.
- Oct 4, 2007: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- Oct 4, 2007: Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy without amendment. Without written report.
- Oct 4, 2007: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 404.
- Oct 4, 2007: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S12826; text as passed Senate: CR S12826)
- Oct 4, 2007: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S12826; text as passed Senate: CR S12826)
- Jun 18, 2007: Introduced in Senate
- Jun 18, 2007: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7815)
- Jun 18, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7815)