

S 2766

Clean Boating Act of 2008

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]

Party: Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

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Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 13, 2008
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Mar 31, 2008
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 31, 2008
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 31, 2008
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 1, 2008
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 1, 2008
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Apr 1, 2008
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Apr 2, 2008
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Apr 2, 2008
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 2, 2008
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	R · GA		Apr 3, 2008
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Apr 3, 2008
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 4, 2008
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 7, 2008
Sen. Voinovich, George V. [R-OH]	R · OH		Apr 7, 2008
Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Apr 9, 2008
Sen. Dole, Elizabeth [R-NC]	R · NC		Apr 9, 2008
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 9, 2008
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 10, 2008
Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]	D · IN		Apr 14, 2008
Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]	R · TN		Apr 14, 2008
Sen. Coleman, Norm [R-MN]	R · MN		Apr 21, 2008
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Apr 22, 2008
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 24, 2008
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Apr 24, 2008
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Apr 24, 2008
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 28, 2008
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 28, 2008
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	R · MO		Apr 29, 2008
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Apr 30, 2008
Sen. Bunning, Jim [R-KY]	R · KY		May 15, 2008
Sen. Webb, Jim [D-VA]	D · VA		May 15, 2008
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 21, 2008
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 21, 2008
Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 12, 2008
Sen. Martinez, Mel [R-FL]	R · FL		Jun 12, 2008
Sen. Allard, Wayne [R-CO]	R · CO		Jun 18, 2008
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 18, 2008
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 22, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 23, 2008
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Aug 15, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 5949	Identical bill	Jul 29, 2008: For Further Action See P.L. 110-288 (S. 2766).

Summary (as of Jul 29, 2008)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Clean Boating Act of 2008 - Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) to provide that no permit shall be required by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the national pollutant discharge elimination system for the discharge from a recreational vessel of graywater, bilge water, cooling water, weather deck runoff, oil water separator effluent, or effluent from properly functioning marine engines or for any other discharge that is incidental to the normal operation of such vessel.

Defines a "recreational vessel" as any vessel that is leased, rented, or chartered to a person for that person's pleasure or that is manufactured or used primarily for pleasure, excluding vessels that are subject to Coast Guard inspection and that are engaged in commercial use or that carry paying passengers.

Requires the Administrator to: (1) determine the discharges that are incidental to the normal operation (excluding sewage) of a recreational vessel for which it is reasonable and practicable to develop management practices to mitigate adverse impacts on U.S. waters within a year of this Act's enactment and to review such determinations every five years; and (2) develop management practices for recreational vessels to mitigate the adverse impacts of such discharges on U.S. waters. Directs the Administrator, in determining what discharges are incidental to normal operations, to consider: (1) the nature of the discharge; (2) its environmental effects; (3) the practicability of using a management practice; (4) the effect that such practice would have on the operation, operational capability, or safety of the vessel; (5) applicable federal and state law and international standards; and (6) the economic costs of the use of the management practice.

Requires the Administrator to: (1) promulgate federal standards of performance (which may distinguish among vessel types) for each discharge for which such a management practice is developed; and (2) review them every five years. Requires the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to promulgate regulations governing the design, construction, installation, and use of management practices for recreational vessels as necessary to meet such standards. Prohibits a recreational vessel from operating in or discharging in U.S. waters if such owner or operator is not using applicable management practices in compliance with such regulations.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 29, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-288.
- **Jul 25, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6981-6983; text as passed Senate: CR S6982-6983)
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6981-6983; text as passed Senate: CR S6982-6983)
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Held at the desk.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Mr. Oberstar moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6749-6752)
- **Jul 22, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2766.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6749)
- **Jul 22, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6749)
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Jun 23, 2008:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Boxer without amendment. With written report No. 110-398. Additional views filed.
- **Jun 23, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 832.
- **May 21, 2008:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 13, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 13, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.