

HR 5536

To require the Secretary of Commerce to prescribe regulations to reduce the incidence of vessels colliding with North Atlantic right whales by limiting the speed of vessels, and for other purposes.

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Animals

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Related Bills

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| 110 S 2657 | Identical bill | Jul 22, 2008: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 893. |

Summary (as of Mar 5, 2008)

Directs the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, to prescribe regulations to reduce the incidence of vessels colliding with North Atlantic right whales by limiting the speed of vessels. Requires those regulations to incorporate the whale protection measures contained in a specified proposed rule and to provide the same or greater level of protection.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 6, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Mar 5, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 5, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.