

HR 5594

Vessel Discharge Evaluation and Review Act

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Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 12, 2008

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2645	Related bill	Feb 14, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Vessel Discharge Evaluation and Review Act - Directs the Coast Guard's Commandant to conduct an evaluation of vessel discharges, other than ballast water, and report to specified congressional committees.

Amends the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to suspend, beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and notwithstanding any other provision of law, any requirement to obtain a permit for a discharge incidental to the normal operation of a vessel. Requires promulgation of a final rule establishing enforceable uniform national discharge standards modeled on the regulatory program for vessels of the Armed Forces and based upon the best available technology.

Preempts related state and local laws regarding a discharge incidental to the normal operation of a vessel, subject to exception.

Lists certain discharges that are unaffected by or excluded from this Act, including discharges from Armed Forces vessels, discharges of vessel sewage, and discharges from certain fishing and fish tender vessels.

Makes this Act, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the exclusive statutory authority for federal regulation of vessel discharges to which these provisions apply.

### **Actions Timeline**

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