

HR 6295

Drug Trafficking Vessel Interdiction Act of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Jun 18, 2008

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Aug 1, 2008)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lungren, Daniel E. [R-CA-3]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Jun 18, 2008
Rep. Coble, Howard [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Jul 15, 2008
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Jul 15, 2008
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Jul 15, 2008
Rep. Klein, Ron [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Jul 29, 2008
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2008
Rep. Souder, Mark E. [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Jul 29, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 1, 2008
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 28, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 3526	Related bill	Nov 18, 2008: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1116 under authority of the order of the Senate of 11/17/2008.
110 S 3598	Related bill	Oct 13, 2008: Became Public Law No: 110-407.
110 HR 7099	Related bill	Sep 26, 2008: For Further Action See S.3598.
110 S 3351	Related bill	Jul 28, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
110 S 3198	Related bill	Jun 25, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of Jul 29, 2008)

Drug Trafficking Vessel Interdiction Act of 2008 - Amends the federal criminal code to impose a fine and/or prison term of up to 15 years for knowingly operating or embarking in any submersible or semisubmersible vessel that is without nationality and that is navigating in, or has navigated into, through, or from, waters beyond the outer limit of the territorial sea of a single country or a lateral limit of that country's territorial sea with an adjacent country, with the intent to evade detection. Grants extraterritorial federal jurisdiction over violations of this Act.

Makes it an affirmative defense to a prosecution under this Act that a vessel operated at the time of a violation was: (1) a vessel of the Untied States or lawfully registered in a foreign nation; (2) classed by and designated in accordance with the rules of a classification society; (3) lawfully operated in a government-regulated or licensed activity; or (4) equipped with and using an operable automatic identification system, vessel monitoring system, or a long range identification and tracking system. Specifies the documents required to conclusively prove an affirmative defense.

Directs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to promulgate or amend existing guidelines to provide adequate penalties for violations of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 1, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Mr. Cohen moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7237-7240)
- **Jul 29, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6295.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7237)
- **Jul 29, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7237)
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 28, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jun 18, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 18, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.