

## HR 2650

Coast Guard Modernization Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Sep 22, 2010
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 4, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 3619	Related bill	<b>Oct 15, 2010:</b> Became Public Law No: 111-281.

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

Coast Guard Modernization Act of 2009 - **Title I: Coast Guard Leadership** - (Sec. 101) Revises provisions concerning the leadership of the Coast Guard, including: (1) allowing more than one admiral; (2) requiring that the Coast Guard Vice Commandant, while so serving, have the rank of admiral; and (3) replacing the current area commanders with vice admirals and revising their responsibilities.

**Title II: Marine Safety Administration** - (Sec. 201) Requires the Commandant to promote maritime safety according to specified priorities.

(Sec. 202) Requires the Commandant to: (1) designate Coast Guard positions constituting the marine safety workforce; (2) report annually on the adequacy of the current marine safety workforce to meet the anticipated workload; and (3) establish a management information system for that workforce.

Requires there to be a chief of marine safety in each Coast Guard sector.

Authorizes the Commandant to establish and operate one or more Centers of Expertise for Marine Safety.

Requires the Commandant, by policy, to establish a program under which a Coast Guard officer, member, or employee may be assigned to a private entity to further Coast Guard interests regarding marine safety, including to train the person. Requires a related annual report.

(Sec. 203) Directs the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to develop a long-term strategy for improving vessel safety and the safety of individuals on vessels, including annual issuance of a plan and schedule for achieving specified goals.

(Sec. 204) Provides for a principal advisor to the Commandant regarding marine safety.

(Sec. 205) Requires, except for the Commandant, that any individual adjudicating an appeal or waiver of a marine safety decision either have certain training, experience, and qualifications or be advised by a senior staff member who meets those requirements and concurs in the decision on appeal.

(Sec. 206) Requires a marine safety curriculum at the Coast Guard Academy and during other officer accession programs.

(Sec. 207) Requires the Commandant to report on the Coast Guard's efforts to recruit and retain civilian marine inspectors and investigators and the impact of such recruitment and retention efforts on Coast Guard organizational performance.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 3, 2009:** Reported by the Committee on Transportation. H. Rept. 111-352.
- **Dec 3, 2009:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 203.
- **Oct 23, 2009:** Provisions of measure incorporated in to Title VII of H.R. 3619.
- **Jun 4, 2009:** Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Discharged.
- **Jun 4, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 4, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 3, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Jun 2, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 2, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.