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Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act of 2009

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]	ID · CT		Jul 8, 2009
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Aug 7, 2009
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 20, 2009
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Nov 20, 2009
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Nov 20, 2009
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Nov 20, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 8, 2009
Homeland Security Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Sep 22, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 3619	Related bill	Oct 15, 2010: Became Public Law No: 111-281.
111 HR 3360	Related bill	Jul 27, 2010: Became Public Law No: 111-207.
111 HR 1485	Identical bill	Mar 13, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act of 2009 - Delineates passenger vessel security and safety requirements concerning: (1) vessel design, equipment, construction, and retrofitting; (2) video surveillance to monitor crime; (3) posting of U.S. embassy locations; (4) maintenance of equipment and medical personnel for sexual assaults on board; (5) confidentiality of sexual assault information; (6) crew access to passenger staterooms; and (7) log book entry and reporting of deaths, missing individuals, thefts, and other crimes.

Prescribes penalties for violations of this Act.

Directs the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to develop minimum training standards for the certification of passenger vessel security personnel, crew members, and law enforcement officials on methods for the prevention, detection, evidence preservation, and reporting of criminal activities in the international maritime environment.

Prohibits a vessel carrying U.S. citizens from entering a U.S. port unless there is at least one crew member on board who has met such training and certification requirements. Subjects persons who violate such requirements to certain penalties.

Directs the Secretary to study and report to Congress on the security needs of a passenger vessel depending on the number of passengers on the vessel, with recommendations for security improvements.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 8, 2009:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Rockefeller with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 111-72.
- **Sep 8, 2009:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 156.
- **Jul 8, 2009:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.