

S 2943

A bill to amend Public Law 110-299 to extend the time period during which permits are not required for certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Nov 19, 2014)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Nov 19, 2014
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Nov 19, 2014
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Nov 19, 2014
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Nov 19, 2014
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Nov 20, 2014
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Dec 1, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 19, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2963	Related bill	Dec 4, 2014: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 613.

Extends the time period during which both the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and any state with a state permit program are prohibited from requiring a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) for a vessel that is less than 79 feet in length or a fishing vessel for any discharge: (1) of effluent from properly functioning marine engines, or of laundry, shower, and galley sink wastes; or (2) that is incidental to the normal operation of those vessels. Ends the prohibition on December 18, 2015, instead of December 18, 2014.

(This prohibition does not apply with respect to garbage discharged overboard, other discharges when the vessel is operating in a capacity other than as a means of transportation, ballast water [water held in ships to increase stability] discharges, or any discharge that contributes to a violation of a water quality standard or poses an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.)

Actions Timeline

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