

S 2963

A bill to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]

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

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Nov 20, 2014
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 20, 2014
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 20, 2014
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 20, 2014
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 20, 2014
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 20, 2014
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 20, 2014
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Nov 20, 2014
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Nov 20, 2014
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 20, 2014
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Nov 20, 2014
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Dec 1, 2014
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Dec 3, 2014
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 4, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 4, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2943	Related bill	Nov 19, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Summary (as of Dec 4, 2014)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Makes permanent a provision which prohibits the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 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; (2) of laundry, shower, and galley sink wastes; or (3) that is incidental to the normal operation of those vessels. (Currently, the prohibition is temporary and the time period in which the EPA is prohibited from requiring a NPDES permit ends on 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, discharges of ballast water held in ships to increase stability, 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

- **Dec 4, 2014:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Boxer without amendment. With written report No. 113-284.
- **Dec 4, 2014:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 613.
- **Dec 2, 2014:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Nov 20, 2014:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 20, 2014:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.