

S 2963

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

Congress: 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

Introduced: Nov 20, 2014

Current Status: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 613.

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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 |
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| Environment and Public Works Committee | Senate | Reported By | Dec 4, 2014 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 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.