

## HR 1288

World War II Merchant Mariner Service Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Mar 4, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. (Aug 13, 2015)

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Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Oct 9, 2015
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Oct 22, 2015
Rep. Lujan Grisham, Michelle [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Oct 22, 2015
Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Oct 22, 2015

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Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Dec 16, 2015
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Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Feb 1, 2016
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Feb 3, 2016
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Feb 3, 2016
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Feb 8, 2016
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 13, 2015
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 19, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1775	Identical bill	<b>Jul 15, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## Summary (as of Mar 4, 2015)

### World War II Merchant Mariner Service Act

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation for verifying that an individual performed honorable service as a coastwise merchant seaman during the period beginning on December 7, 1941, and ending on December 31, 1946, for purposes of eligibility for veterans' benefits under the GI Bill Improvement Act of 1977. Requires such documentation to include Social Security Administration records and validated testimony in the case of the absence of Coast Guard shipping or discharge forms, ship logbooks, documents, or other official employment records.

Requires the Secretary, when determining whether to recognize service allegedly performed during such period, to recognize masters of seagoing vessels or other command officers who were authorized to document an individual for purposes of hiring for or discharging from the merchant marine.

Considers any service so recognized as active-duty service for purposes of veterans' burial benefits. Makes such veterans eligible for any appropriate military medals, ribbons, and decorations. Requires the Secretary to verify that an individual performed such service under honorable conditions without regard to their sex, age, or disability during the service period.

## Actions Timeline

- **Aug 13, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Mar 19, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.