

HR 2700

BOATS Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 15, 2015
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 10, 2015
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1464	Related bill	May 22, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Boating Occupancy and Teaching Safety Act or the BOATS Act

Directs the Commandant of the Coast Guard to:

- establish maximum passenger capacity and maximum weight capacity standards for recreational vessels; and
- require manufacturers and operators of passenger vessels to permanently display in a legible manner that is clearly visible, including on each flying bridge of the vessel, to vessel passengers such maximum capacity requirements and a notice of the need to balance vessel weight to avoid capsizing.

Defines "flying bridge" to mean an open deck above the main navigating bridge of a recreational vessel.

Amends federal shipping law to revise state recreational boating safety program requirements.

Allows a state to contract with a local government or private entity to provide boating safety education services under a state recreational boating safety program.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to make amounts in the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund available for expenditures to carry out the purposes of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (as in effect upon enactment of this Act).

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 15, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Jun 10, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Jun 9, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 9, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Natural Resources, 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.