

HR 5978

Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Amendments Act of 2016

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-50]

Party: Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Sep 9, 2016
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Sep 9, 2016
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Sep 9, 2016
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Sep 9, 2016
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Sep 13, 2016
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Sep 21, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 27, 2016
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 14, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5531	Related bill	Jun 21, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
114 HR 5536	Related bill	Jun 20, 2016: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
114 HR 4909	Related bill	May 26, 2016: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 502.

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TITLE I--COAST GUARD, NAVIGATION, AND SHIPPING

(Sec. 101) This bill makes several changes to the U.S. Coast Guard major acquisition system. The changes are designed to establish a customer-oriented acquisition system.

The bill expands the acquisition responsibilities of the Coast Guard's Chief Acquisition Officer and Vice Commandant. Additionally, the bill limits the Coast Guard's authority to procure unmanned aerial systems (drones).

The Coast Guard may extend an acquisition contract without competition if the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) approves. DHS must study the effects that multi-year contracting has on Coast Guard acquisition programs.

(Sec. 102) The bill requires the Coast Guard to make payment based on a predetermined fixed amount to the Department of Defense (DOD) for medical treatment of current or former members of the Coast Guard and their dependents at DOD facilities.

(Sec. 103) The bill amends the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to repeal certain audit requirements for the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund and to revise reporting requirements for the fund.

(Sec. 104) The bill revises the deadline for compliance by certain fishing vessels with the alternative safety compliance program.

(Sec. 105) The Coast Guard must report on plans for berthing the USCGC Diligence in Wilmington, North Carolina while the Coast Guard pier is being repaired.

(Sec. 106) *National Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Resilience and Security Act of 2016*

The Coast Guard must develop a land-based system to backup its Global Positioning System.

(Sec. 107) The Coast Guard may approve alternative planning criteria for the Arctic area.

TITLE II--OTHER MATTERS

(Sec. 201) The Coast Guard must issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise endorsement for the vessel Apollonia.

(Sec. 202) The Coast Guard may reimburse private entities for project costs incurred to construct and establish an aid to navigation.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 27, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Sep 26, 2016:** Mr. Hunter moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 26, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5894-5905)
- **Sep 26, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5978.
- **Sep 26, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5894-5897)
- **Sep 26, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5894-5897)
- **Sep 26, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 14, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 14, 2016:** Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Discharged.
- **Sep 14, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 12, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Sep 9, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 9, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.