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A bill to exempt Puerto Rico from the coastwise laws of the United States (commonly known as the "Jones Act").

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

Introduced: Sep 28, 2017

Current Status: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 232.

Latest Action: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 232. (Oct 2, 2017)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1894>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]

Party: Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Sep 28, 2017
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Sep 28, 2017
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Sep 28, 2017

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 28, 2017)

This bill revises the coastwise laws, commonly known as the Jones Act, that govern domestic transportation of merchandise or passengers by vessels. The Jones Act requires that vessels transporting merchandise or passengers between Puerto Rico and other U.S. ports be built in the United States, at least 75% owned by U.S. citizens, and mostly crewed by U.S. citizens. Jones Act requirements are currently waived with respect to vessels transporting passengers between Puerto Rico and U.S. ports. This bill permanently exempts vessels transporting merchandise between Puerto Rico and other U.S. ports from those requirements.

Actions Timeline

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