

## HR 3966

Puerto Rico Humanitarian Relief Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Oct 5, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation. (Oct 6, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/3966>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]

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

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Rep. Brat, Dave [R-VA-7]	R · VA		Oct 5, 2017
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Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Oct 25, 2017
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Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Oct 26, 2017
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Nov 2, 2017
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Nov 6, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 5, 2017
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 6, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Oct 5, 2017)

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### **Puerto Rico Humanitarian Relief Act**

This bill revises coastwise laws, commonly known as the Jones Act, that govern domestic transportation of merchandise or passengers by vessels. The Jones Act requires 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.

The bill exempts for five years vessels transporting merchandise between Puerto Rico and other U.S. ports from Jones Act requirements.

The Government Accountability Office must report the economic impact of this bill on Puerto Rico.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 6, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Oct 5, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 5, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.

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