

## HR 619

To amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the vessels that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials and for other purposes.

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 140	Related bill	Dec 4, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-282.
115 S 89	Identical bill	Apr 4, 2017: Held at the desk.

## Summary (as of Jan 24, 2017)

This bill revises the requirements for passenger vessels that are exempt from fire-retardant materials standards.

Vessels in operation before January 1, 1968, that operate within inland waterways are exempt from the new requirements until December 1, 2028. Exempt vessel operators must follow certain requirements including notifying prospective passengers in writing prior to the sale of any ticket for boarding and making annual structural alterations to at least 10% of areas of the vessel that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials.

Additionally, the Department of Transportation (DOT) must conduct an annual inspection of any vessel that is exempted from fire-retardant materials standards. DOT may withdraw a certificate of inspection for any vessel that does not comply with requirements under this bill.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jan 25, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Jan 24, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 24, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.