

S 1031

Duck Boat Safety Enhancement Act of 2020

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Jul 15, 2019
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Jul 16, 2019
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Oct 21, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 10, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2799	Related bill	May 17, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

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This bill sets forth requirements related to the safety of amphibious passenger vessels.

The U.S. Coast Guard must implement regulations related to the safety of amphibious passenger vessels, including during severe weather emergencies.

The Coast Guard may require operators of amphibious passenger vessels to provide reserve buoyancy for such vessels through passive means, including watertight compartmentalization, built-in flotation, or other means, to ensure that such vessels remain afloat and upright in the event of flooding, including when carrying a full complement of passengers and crew.

Additionally, the Coast Guard must implement interim safety policies or other measures to require operators of amphibious passenger vessels operating in U.S. waters comply with certain requirements, including to remove the canopies of such vessels for waterborne operations, or to install in such vessels canopies that do not restrict either horizontal or vertical escape by passengers in the event of flooding or sinking.

The bill also sets forth requirements for vessels that are not in compliance with the regulations and interim safety policies.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 14, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 14, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 11, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 10, 2020:** Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 10, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7394-7395)
- **Dec 10, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S7394-7395)
- **Dec 10, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S7394-7395)
- **Nov 18, 2020:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 4, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 4, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.