

## S 3930

### Maritime Administration Authorization and Improvement Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]

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

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 10, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2981	Related bill	Dec 23, 2020: Became Public Law No: 116-259.
116 HR 7456	Related bill	Jul 2, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
116 S 2910	Related bill	Nov 20, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
116 HR 2406	Related bill	Sep 18, 2019: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 21 - 14.

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This bill revises provisions related to the Maritime Administration (MARAD) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps.

The bill addresses several aspects of MARAD, including

- reauthorizing MARAD programs, including programs associated with maintaining the U.S. Merchant Marine;
- establishing a tanker security fleet of active, commercially viable, militarily useful, privately owned product tank vessels to meet national defense and other security requirements and maintain a United States presence in international commercial shipping;
- authorizing a grant program to award maritime career training grants to community and technical colleges for the purpose of developing, offering, or improving educational or career training programs for American workers related to the maritime workforce;
- assessing foreign subsidies to international shipping; and
- establishing a standing committee of experts to explore and advise on supply chain transportation system vulnerabilities and disruptions and how to minimize them in the event of emergencies and disasters such as the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic.

Additionally, among other provisions, the bill sets forth new requirements for the corps concerning

- commissioned grades and operational strength numbers,
- obligated service requirements,
- training and physical fitness,
- education loan assistance,
- recruitment,
- hiring and promotions,
- separation and retirement, and
- other workforce issues.

## **Actions Timeline**

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