

S 4395

Maritime Transportation System Emergency Relief Act of 2020

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| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA] | D · CA | | Sep 8, 2020 |
| Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA] | D · CA | | Sep 8, 2020 |
| Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK] | R · AK | | Oct 20, 2020 |

Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 HR 6395 | Related bill | Jan 2, 2021: Message on Senate action sent to the House. |
| 116 HR 7515 | Related bill | Jul 10, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation. |

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This bill authorizes the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) to provide financial assistance to states and maritime industry entities during an emergency such as COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Specifically, MARAD may provide grants for

- operating costs involved with an emergency response operation, including costs for cleaning, sanitizing, janitorial services, staffing, paid leave, and procuring personal protective equipment; and
- the costs of capital projects to protect, repair, reconstruct, or replace equipment and facilities of the United States maritime transportation system that are in danger of suffering serious damage, or has suffered serious damage, as a result of an emergency.

The federal share payable of the costs for which a grant is provided under the bill shall be 100%.

Actions Timeline

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