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Great Lakes Winter Commerce Act of 2020

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Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sep 15, 2020)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 15, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5896	Related bill	Feb 14, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

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This bill directs the U.S. Coast Guard to conduct icebreaking operations in the Great Lakes in accordance with specific performance standards.

Specifically, the Coast Guard must

- keep channels and harbors in the Great Lakes open to navigation not less than 90% of the hours that commercial vessels and ferries attempt to transit ice-covered waterways;
- in a year in which the Great Lakes are not open to navigation because of ice of a thickness that occurs on average only once every 10 years, keep channels and harbors open to navigation at least 70% of the hours that commercial vessels and ferries attempt to transit ice-covered waterways; and
- coordinate Great Lakes icebreaking operations with operators of commercial vessels.

The Coast Guard must prioritize icebreaking in the United States waters of the Great Lakes over icebreaking in Canadian waters of the Great Lakes.

Actions Timeline

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