

HR 1318

Alaska Tourism Restoration Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Current Status: Became Public Law No: 117-14.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 117-14. (May 24, 2021)

Law: 117-14 (Enacted May 24, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]

Party: Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 593	Identical bill	May 17, 2021: Held at the desk.

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This bill temporarily allows specific foreign-owned and foreign-flagged cruise ships to transport passengers directly between ports in the states of Washington and Alaska without stopping in Canada. Under current law, these ships cannot transport passengers from one U.S. port to another without stopping in a foreign country.

The bill deems a round trip voyage between ports in the states of Washington and Alaska as a foreign voyage if (1) during the voyage, the operators of such voyage send U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Canada Border Services Agency an email containing the names of each alien crew member with a valid nonimmigrant work visa; and (2) the voyage begins not later than February 28, 2022. The operators of these voyages must also retain a COVID-19 Conditional Sailing Certificate from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and operate in accordance with CDC restrictions associated with the certificate.

Authority to conduct these voyages shall terminate on March 31, 2022, or when Canada lifts its COVID-related restrictions, whichever occurs first. Voyages may not occur during any period for which the CDC has issued an order to suspend cruise ship operations.

The bill also directs the Department of Transportation to require, through regulations, the installation of automated external defibrillators on passenger vessels (including cruise ships), among other requirements.

Actions Timeline

- **May 24, 2021:** Presented to President.
- **May 24, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **May 24, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 117-14.
- **May 20, 2021:** Mr. DeFazio asked unanimous consent to discharge from committee and consider.
- **May 20, 2021:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **May 20, 2021:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H2632-2633)
- **May 20, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H2632)
- **May 20, 2021:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H2632)
- **May 20, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 20, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Received in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S3186-3187)
- **May 20, 2021:** Received in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3186-3187)
- **May 20, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Feb 25, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Feb 24, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 24, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.