

## HR 1561

### Great Lakes Winter Commerce Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation. (Mar 4, 2021)

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## Sponsor

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Huizenga, Bill [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Mar 3, 2021
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Rep. McClain, Lisa C. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Mar 23, 2021
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Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Apr 5, 2021
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Apr 28, 2021
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jun 4, 2021
Rep. Tiffany, Thomas P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Gonzalez, Anthony [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Jul 26, 2021

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 4, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 576	Identical bill	Dec 16, 2021: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 197.

## Summary (as of Mar 3, 2021)

### Great Lakes Winter Commerce Act of 2021

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 bill also directs the Coast Guard to acquire a Great Lakes icebreaker that is at least as capable as Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw in an accelerated timeframe and award the contract on the basis of contractor qualification and price.

## Actions Timeline

- Mar 4, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- Mar 3, 2021: Introduced in House
- Mar 3, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.