

S 2805

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 22, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5329	Identical bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Summary (as of Sep 22, 2021)

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This bill revises maritime law regarding the liability of owners of certain small passenger vessels for violations of safety rules resulting in accidents on such vessels. Under current law, owners may avoid liability in some cases depending on the value of their vessels after accidents. The bill requires the Coast Guard to promulgate rules that require owners or operators of small passenger vessels to provide just compensation in any claim for which they are found liable.

The bill makes the revised liability provisions retroactive to September 2, 2019, the date of what is known as the *Conception* boat fire in which 34 lives were lost.

Actions Timeline

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