

## S 4842

Military to Mariners Act of 2022

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Sep 13, 2022

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sep 13, 2022)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (4 total)

| Cosponsor                    | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]   | D · WI        |      | Sep 13, 2022 |
| Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]  | D · WA        |      | Sep 13, 2022 |
| Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]    | R · AK        |      | Sep 13, 2022 |
| Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS] | R · MS        |      | Sep 13, 2022 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                       | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Sep 13, 2022 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Military to Mariners Act of 2022**

This bill modifies requirements related to U.S. Merchant Marine credentials for veterans and members of the uniformed services.

Specifically, the bill requires the U.S. Coast Guard to

- review and examine all current procedures for issuing credentials for applicants who are veterans and members of the uniformed services seeking to become merchant mariners;
- provide the availability for a fully internet-based application process for a merchant mariner credential;
- issue new regulations to reduce the paperwork, delay, and other burdens for applicants for a merchant mariner credential who are veterans and members of the uniformed services and increase the percentages of time equivalent to sea service for such applicants;
- reduce burdens and create a means of alternative compliance to demonstrate instructor competency for Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers courses; and
- assess the use of the SkillBridge program of the Department of Defense as a means for transitioning active duty sea service personnel toward employment as a merchant mariner.

## **Actions Timeline**

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