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Military to Mariners Act of 2022

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

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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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