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Alaska Tourism Restoration Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (May 17, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 4, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Discharged From	May 13, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1318	Identical bill	May 24, 2021: Became Public Law No: 117-14.

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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).

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).

Actions Timeline

- **May 17, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 17, 2021:** Received in the House.
- **May 17, 2021:** Held at the desk.
- **May 13, 2021:** Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 13, 2021:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S2510-2512)
- **May 13, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.(text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S2510)
- **May 13, 2021:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S2510)
- **Mar 4, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 4, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.