

HR 7659

Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2024

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Mar 13, 2024
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Mar 13, 2024
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Mar 13, 2024
Rescom. González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Mar 20, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 15, 2024
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 14, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 7702	Related bill	Mar 15, 2024: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
118 HR 7557	Related bill	Mar 14, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
118 HR 7448	Related bill	Feb 24, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
118 HR 6356	Related bill	Nov 14, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
118 HR 2741	Related bill	Jun 27, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 91.
118 HR 1452	Related bill	Mar 9, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

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This bill reauthorizes certain Coast Guard authorities and programs through FY2026, including by extending current levels for active-duty personnel and military training student loads. The bill also modifies several existing policies and programs.

Among other provisions, the bill

- authorizes the Coast Guard to act to protect against damage or destruction resulting from cyber incidents, transnational organized crime, or foreign state threats;
- exempts service life extension programs from certain requirements for acquisition projects or programs;
- provides the Coast Guard with direct hire authority to appoint Coast Guard Academy civilian faculty;
- provides members of certain reserve components with up to 12 inactive-duty training periods of parental leave; and
- expands benefits for individuals who are participating in the Career Intermission Program to include benefits such as disability and death benefits.

The bill also

- requires the Coast Guard to establish location specific tsunami evacuation plans for units and sectors located in areas that have a high or very high risk of a tsunami,
- establishes certain notice requirements for foreign vessels operating on the Outer Continental Shelf,
- amends the requirements for certain merchant mariner credentials, and
- requires higher-level review for certain determinations regarding the retention of an officer whose record includes a sexual assault offense.

Further, the bill requires the Coast Guard to provide Congress reports detailing the status of the Polar Security Cutter program, among other reporting requirements.

Additionally, the bill authorizes appropriations for the acquisition of additional vessels and aircraft, information technology modernization, and shoreside infrastructure.

Actions Timeline

- **May 15, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **May 14, 2024:** Mr. Graves (MO) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 14, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3170-3187)
- **May 14, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 7659.
- **May 14, 2024:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 14, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3188-3189)
- **May 14, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 376 - 16 (Roll no. 197). (text: CR H3170-3184)
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- **May 14, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 8, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 118-495.
- **May 8, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 411.
- **Mar 20, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Mar 20, 2024:** Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Discharged
- **Mar 20, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 53 - 3.
- **Mar 14, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Mar 13, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 13, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.