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AN ACT

To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Howard Coble Coast
3 Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014”.

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1 **TITLE I—AUTHORIZATION**

2 **SEC. 101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

3 Funds are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
4 year 2015 for necessary expenses of the Coast Guard as
5 follows:

6 (1) For the operation and maintenance of the
7 Coast Guard, \$6,981,036,000.

8 (2) For the acquisition, construction, rebuild-
9 ing, and improvement of aids to navigation, shore
10 and offshore facilities, vessels, and aircraft, includ-
11 ing equipment related thereto, \$1,546,448,000, to
12 remain available until expended.

13 (3) For the Coast Guard Reserve program, in-
14 cluding personnel and training costs, equipment, and
15 services, \$140,016,000.

16 (4) For environmental compliance and restora-
17 tion of Coast Guard vessels, aircraft, and facilities
18 (other than parts and equipment associated with op-
19 eration and maintenance), \$16,701,000, to remain
20 available until expended.

21 (5) To the Commandant of the Coast Guard for
22 research, development, test, and evaluation of tech-
23 nologies, materials, and human factors directly re-
24 lated to improving the performance of the Coast

1 Guard's mission with respect to search and rescue,
2 aids to navigation, marine safety, marine environ-
3 mental protection, enforcement of laws and treaties,
4 ice operations, oceanographic research, and defense
5 readiness, \$19,890,000.

6 (6) For alteration or removal of bridges over
7 navigable waters of the United States constituting
8 obstructions to navigation, and for personnel and
9 administrative costs associated with the Alteration of
10 Bridges Program, \$16,000,000.

11 **SEC. 102. AUTHORIZED LEVELS OF MILITARY STRENGTH**
12 **AND TRAINING.**

13 (a) ACTIVE DUTY STRENGTH.—The Coast Guard is
14 authorized an end-of-year strength for active duty per-
15 sonnel of 43,000 for fiscal year 2015.

16 (b) MILITARY TRAINING STUDENT LOADS.—The
17 Coast Guard is authorized average military training stu-
18 dent loads for fiscal year 2015 as follows:

19 (1) For recruit and special training, 2,500 stu-
20 dent years.

21 (2) For flight training, 165 student years.

22 (3) For professional training in military and ci-
23 vilian institutions, 350 student years.

24 (4) For officer acquisition, 1,200 student years.

1 **TITLE II—COAST GUARD**

2 **SEC. 201. COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.**

3 Section 42(a) of title 14, United States Code, is
4 amended by striking “7,200” and inserting “6,900”.

5 **SEC. 202. COMMANDANT; APPOINTMENT.**

6 Section 44 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-
7 ed by inserting after the first sentence the following: “The
8 term of an appointment, and any reappointment, shall
9 begin on June 1 of the appropriate year and end on May
10 31 of the appropriate year, except that, in the event of
11 death, retirement, resignation, or reassignment, or when
12 the needs of the Service demand, the Secretary may alter
13 the date on which a term begins or ends if the alteration
14 does not result in the term exceeding a period of 4 years.”.

15 **SEC. 203. PREVENTION AND RESPONSE WORKFORCES.**

16 Section 57 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-
17 ed—

18 (1) in subsection (b)—

19 (A) in paragraph (2) by striking “or” at
20 the end;

21 (B) in paragraph (3) by striking the period
22 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

23 (C) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(4) waterways operations manager shall have
25 knowledge, skill, and practical experience with re-

1 spect to marine transportation system management;
2 or

3 “(5) port and facility safety and security spe-
4 cialist shall have knowledge, skill, and practical ex-
5 perience with respect to the safety, security, and en-
6 vironmental protection responsibilities associated
7 with maritime ports and facilities.”;

8 (2) in subsection (c) by striking “or marine
9 safety engineer” and inserting “marine safety engi-
10 neer, waterways operations manager, or port and fa-
11 cility safety and security specialist”; and

12 (3) in subsection (f)(2) by striking “investigator
13 or marine safety engineer.” and inserting “investi-
14 gator, marine safety engineer, waterways operations
15 manager, or port and facility safety and security
16 specialist.”.

17 **SEC. 204. CENTERS OF EXPERTISE.**

18 Section 58(b) of title 14, United States Code, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 “(b) MISSIONS.—Any center established under sub-
21 section (a) shall—

22 “(1) promote, facilitate, and conduct—

23 “(A) education;

24 “(B) training; and

1 “(C) activities authorized under section
2 93(a)(4);

3 “(2) be a repository of information on oper-
4 ations, practices, and resources related to the mis-
5 sion for which the center was established; and

6 “(3) perform and support the mission for which
7 the center was established.”.

8 **SEC. 205. PENALTIES.**

9 (a) AID TO NAVIGATION AND FALSE DISTRESS
10 MESSAGES.—Chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code,
11 is amended—

12 (1) in section 83 by striking “\$100” and insert-
13 ing “\$1,500”;

14 (2) in section 84 by striking “\$500” and insert-
15 ing “\$1,500”;

16 (3) in section 85 by striking “\$100” and insert-
17 ing “\$1,500”; and

18 (4) in section 88(c)(2) by striking “\$5,000”
19 and inserting “\$10,000”.

20 (b) UNAUTHORIZED USE OF WORDS “COAST
21 GUARD”.—Section 639 of title 14, United States Code,
22 is amended by striking “\$1,000” and inserting
23 “\$10,000”.

1 **SEC. 206. AGREEMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 93(a)(4) of title 14,
3 United States Code, is amended—

4 (1) by striking “, investigate” and inserting
5 “and investigate”; and

6 (2) by striking “, and cooperate and coordinate
7 such activities with other Government agencies and
8 with private agencies”.

9 (b) AUTHORITY.—Chapter 5 of title 14, United
10 States Code, as amended by this Act, is further amended
11 by adding at the end the following:

12 **“§ 102. Agreements**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out section 93(a)(4),
14 the Commandant may—

15 “(1) enter into cooperative agreements, con-
16 tracts, and other agreements with—

17 “(A) Federal entities;

18 “(B) other public or private entities in the
19 United States, including academic entities; and

20 “(C) foreign governments with the concur-
21 rence of the Secretary of State; and

22 “(2) impose on and collect from an entity sub-
23 ject to an agreement or contract under paragraph
24 (1) a fee to assist with expenses incurred in carrying
25 out such section.

1 “(b) DEPOSIT AND USE OF FEES.—Fees collected
2 under this section shall be deposited in the general fund
3 of the Treasury as offsetting receipts. The fees may be
4 used, to the extent provided in advance in an appropria-
5 tion law, only to carry out activities under section
6 93(a)(4).”.

7 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such
8 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following:
“102. Agreements.”.

9 **SEC. 207. TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COVERAGE OF**
10 **TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL MA-**
11 **TERIALS.**

12 Section 93(a)(7) of title 14, United States Code, is
13 amended by inserting “and the textbooks, manuals, and
14 other materials required as part of such training or course
15 of instruction” after “correspondence courses”.

16 **SEC. 208. COAST GUARD HOUSING.**

17 (a) COMMANDANT; GENERAL POWERS.—Section
18 93(a)(13) of title 14, United States Code, is amended by
19 striking “the Treasury” and inserting “the fund estab-
20 lished under section 687”.

21 (b) LIGHTHOUSE PROPERTY.—Section 672a(b) of
22 title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking “the
23 Treasury” and inserting “the fund established under sec-
24 tion 687”.

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 687(b) of
2 title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
3 end the following:

4 “(4) Monies received under section 93(a)(13).

5 “(5) Amounts received under section 672a(b).”.

6 **SEC. 209. LEASE AUTHORITY.**

7 Section 93 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-
8 ed by adding at the end the following:

9 “(f) LEASING OF TIDELANDS AND SUBMERGED
10 LANDS.—

11 “(1) AUTHORITY.—The Commandant may lease
12 under subsection (a)(13) submerged lands and tide-
13 lands under the control of the Coast Guard without
14 regard to the limitation under that subsection with
15 respect to lease duration.

16 “(2) LIMITATION.—The Commandant may
17 lease submerged lands and tidelands under para-
18 graph (1) only if—

19 “(A) lease payments are—

20 “(i) received exclusively in the form of
21 cash;

22 “(ii) equal to the fair market value of
23 the use of the leased submerged lands or
24 tidelands for the period during which such

1 lands are leased, as determined by the
2 Commandant; and

3 “(iii) deposited in the fund established
4 under section 687; and

5 “(B) the lease does not provide authority
6 to or commit the Coast Guard to use or support
7 any improvements to such submerged lands or
8 tidelands, or obtain goods or services from the
9 lessee.”.

10 **SEC. 210. NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 5 of title 14, United
12 States Code, as amended by this Act, is further amended
13 by adding at the end the following:

14 **“§ 103. Notification of certain determinations**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—At least 90 days prior to making
16 a final determination that a waterway, or a portion there-
17 of, is navigable for purposes of the jurisdiction of the
18 Coast Guard, the Commandant shall provide notification
19 regarding the proposed determination to—

20 “(1) the Governor of each State in which such
21 waterway, or portion thereof, is located;

22 “(2) the public; and

23 “(3) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
24 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on

1 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
2 Representatives.

3 “(b) CONTENT REQUIREMENT.—Each notification
4 provided under subsection (a) to an entity specified in
5 paragraph (3) of that subsection shall include—

6 “(1) an analysis of whether vessels operating on
7 the waterway, or portion thereof, subject to the pro-
8 posed determination are subject to inspection or
9 similar regulation by State or local officials;

10 “(2) an analysis of whether operators of com-
11 mercial vessels on such waterway, or portion thereof,
12 are subject to licensing or similar regulation by
13 State or local officials; and

14 “(3) an estimate of the annual costs that the
15 Coast Guard may incur in conducting operations on
16 such waterway, or portion thereof.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such
18 chapter, as amended by this Act, is further amended by
19 adding at the end the following:

“103. Notification of certain determinations.”.

20 **SEC. 211. ANNUAL BOARD OF VISITORS.**

21 Section 194 of title 14, United States Code, is
22 amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 194. Annual Board of Visitors**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A Board of Visitors to the Coast
3 Guard Academy is established to review and make rec-
4 ommendations on the operation of the Academy.

5 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The membership of the
7 Board shall consist of the following:

8 “(A) The chairman of the Committee on
9 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
10 Senate, or the chairman’s designee.

11 “(B) The chairman of the Committee on
12 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
13 of Representatives, or the chairman’s designee.

14 “(C) Three Members of the Senate des-
15 igned by the Vice President.

16 “(D) Four Members of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives designated by the Speaker of the
18 House of Representatives.

19 “(E) Six individuals designated by the
20 President.

21 “(2) LENGTH OF SERVICE.—

22 “(A) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—A Member
23 of Congress designated under subparagraph (C)
24 or (D) of paragraph (1) as a member of the
25 Board shall be designated as a member in the

1 First Session of a Congress and serve for the
2 duration of that Congress.

3 “(B) INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY THE
4 PRESIDENT.—Each individual designated by the
5 President under subparagraph (E) of para-
6 graph (1) shall serve as a member of the Board
7 for 3 years, except that any such member whose
8 term of office has expired shall continue to
9 serve until a successor is appointed.

10 “(3) DEATH OR RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER.—
11 If a member of the Board dies or resigns, a suc-
12 cessor shall be designated for any unexpired portion
13 of the term of the member by the official who des-
14 ignated the member.

15 “(c) ACADEMY VISITS.—

16 “(1) ANNUAL VISIT.—The Board shall visit the
17 Academy annually to review the operation of the
18 Academy.

19 “(2) ADDITIONAL VISITS.—With the approval
20 of the Secretary, the Board or individual members
21 of the Board may make other visits to the Academy
22 in connection with the duties of the Board or to con-
23 sult with the Superintendent of the Academy.

24 “(d) SCOPE OF REVIEW.—The Board shall review,
25 with respect to the Academy—

1 “(1) the state of morale and discipline;
2 “(2) the curriculum;
3 “(3) instruction;
4 “(4) physical equipment;
5 “(5) fiscal affairs; and
6 “(6) other matters relating to the Academy that
7 the Board determines appropriate.

8 “(e) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date
9 of an annual visit of the Board under subsection (c)(1),
10 the Board shall submit to the Secretary, the Committee
11 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate,
12 and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
13 of the House of Representatives a report on the actions
14 of the Board during such visit and the recommendations
15 of the Board pertaining to the Academy.

16 “(f) ADVISORS.—If approved by the Secretary, the
17 Board may consult with advisors in carrying out this sec-
18 tion.

19 “(g) REIMBURSEMENT.—Each member of the Board
20 and each adviser consulted by the Board under subsection
21 (f) shall be reimbursed, to the extent permitted by law,
22 by the Coast Guard for actual expenses incurred while en-
23 gaged in duties as a member or adviser.”.

1 **SEC. 212. FLAG OFFICERS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 14, United States Code, is
3 amended by inserting after section 295 the following:

4 **“§ 296. Flag officers**

5 “During any period in which the Coast Guard is not
6 operating as a service in the Navy, section 1216(d) of title
7 10 does not apply with respect to flag officers of the Coast
8 Guard.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
10 ter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-
11 serting after the item relating to section 295 the following:

“296. Flag officers.”.

12 **SEC. 213. REPEAL OF LIMITATION ON MEDALS OF HONOR.**

13 Section 494 of title 14, United States Code, is
14 amended by striking “medal of honor,” each place it ap-
15 pears.

16 **SEC. 214. COAST GUARD FAMILY SUPPORT AND CHILD**
17 **CARE.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 14, United States Code, as
19 amended by this Act, is further amended by inserting after
20 chapter 13 the following:

21 **“CHAPTER 14—COAST GUARD FAMILY**
22 **SUPPORT AND CHILD CARE**

“SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

“Sec.

“531. Work-life policies and programs.

“532. Surveys of Coast Guard families.

“SUBCHAPTER II—COAST GUARD FAMILY SUPPORT

- “542. Education and training opportunities for Coast Guard spouses.
 “543. Youth sponsorship initiatives.

“SUBCHAPTER III—COAST GUARD CHILD CARE

- “551. Definitions.
 “553. Child development center standards and inspections.
 “554. Child development center employees.
 “555. Parent partnerships with child development centers.

1 “SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

2 **“§ 531. Work-life policies and programs**

3 “The Commandant is authorized—

4 “(1) to establish an office for the purpose of de-
 5 veloping, promulgating, and coordinating policies,
 6 programs, and activities related to the families of
 7 Coast Guard members;

8 “(2) to implement and oversee policies, pro-
 9 grams, and activities described in paragraph (1) as
 10 the Commandant considers necessary; and

11 “(3) to perform such other duties as the Com-
 12 mandant considers necessary.

13 **“§ 532. Surveys of Coast Guard families**

14 “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Commandant, in order to de-
 15 termine the effectiveness of Federal policies, programs,
 16 and activities related to the families of Coast Guard mem-
 17 bers, may survey—

18 “(1) any Coast Guard member;

19 “(2) any retired Coast Guard member;

1 “(2) education prerequisites and a professional
2 license or credential required, by a government or
3 government-sanctioned licensing body, for an occu-
4 pation that expands employment and portable career
5 opportunities for the spouse.

6 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following
7 definitions apply:

8 “(1) ELIGIBLE SPOUSE.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘eligible
10 spouse’ means the spouse of a member of the
11 Coast Guard who is serving on active duty and
12 includes a spouse who receives transitional com-
13 pensation under section 1059 of title 10.

14 “(B) EXCLUSION.—The term ‘eligible
15 spouse’ does not include a person who—

16 “(i) is married to, but legally sepa-
17 rated from, a member of the Coast Guard
18 under a court order or statute of any State
19 or territorial possession of the United
20 States; or

21 “(ii) is eligible for tuition assistance
22 as a member of the Armed Forces.

23 “(2) PORTABLE CAREER.—The term ‘portable
24 career’ includes an occupation that requires edu-
25 cation, training, or both that results in a credential

1 that is recognized by an industry, profession, or spe-
2 cific type of business.

3 **“§ 543. Youth sponsorship initiatives**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant is authorized
5 to establish, within any Coast Guard unit, an initiative
6 to help integrate into new surroundings the dependent
7 children of members of the Coast Guard who received per-
8 manent change of station orders.

9 “(b) DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE.—An initiative es-
10 tablished under subsection (a) shall—

11 “(1) provide for the involvement of a dependent
12 child of a member of the Coast Guard in the de-
13 pendent child’s new Coast Guard community; and

14 “(2) primarily focus on preteen and teenaged
15 children.

16 “(c) AUTHORITY.—In carrying out an initiative
17 under subsection (a), the Commandant may—

18 “(1) provide to a dependent child of a member
19 of the Coast Guard information on youth programs
20 and activities available in the dependent child’s new
21 Coast Guard community; and

22 “(2) enter into agreements with nonprofit enti-
23 ties to provide youth programs and activities to such
24 child.

1 “SUBCHAPTER III—COAST GUARD CHILD CARE

2 “§ 551. Definitions

3 “In this subchapter, the following definitions apply:

4 “(1) CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.—The term
5 ‘child abuse and neglect’ has the meaning given that
6 term in section 3 of the Child Abuse Prevention and
7 Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 note).8 “(2) CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER EM-
9 PLOYEE.—The term ‘child development center em-
10 ployee’ means a civilian employee of the Coast
11 Guard who is employed to work in a Coast Guard
12 child development center without regard to whether
13 the employee is paid from appropriated or non-
14 appropriated funds.15 “(3) COAST GUARD CHILD DEVELOPMENT CEN-
16 TER.—The term ‘Coast Guard child development
17 center’ means a facility on Coast Guard property or
18 on property under the jurisdiction of the commander
19 of a Coast Guard unit at which child care services
20 are provided for members of the Coast Guard.21 “(4) COMPETITIVE SERVICE POSITION.—The
22 term ‘competitive service position’ means a position
23 in the competitive service (as defined in section 2102
24 of title 5).

1 individual can report, with respect to a Coast Guard
2 child development center or a family home daycare—

3 “(A) any suspected violation of—

4 “(i) standards established under sub-
5 section (a); or

6 “(ii) any other applicable law or
7 standard;

8 “(B) suspected child abuse or neglect; or

9 “(C) any other deficiency.

10 “(2) ANONYMOUS REPORTING.—The Com-
11 mandant shall ensure that an individual making a
12 report pursuant to paragraph (1) may do so anony-
13 mously if so desired by the individual.

14 “(3) PROCEDURES.—The Commandant shall
15 establish procedures for investigating reports made
16 pursuant to paragraph (1).

17 **“§ 554. Child development center employees**

18 “(a) TRAINING.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall es-
20 tablish a training program for Coast Guard child de-
21 velopment center employees and satisfactory comple-
22 tion of the training program shall be a condition of
23 employment for each employee of a Coast Guard
24 child development center.

1 “(2) TIMING FOR NEW HIRES.—The Com-
2 mandant shall require each employee of a Coast
3 Guard child development center to complete the
4 training program established under paragraph (1)
5 not later than 6 months after the date on which the
6 employee is hired.

7 “(3) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—The training
8 program established under paragraph (1) shall in-
9 clude, at a minimum, instruction with respect to—

10 “(A) early childhood development;

11 “(B) activities and disciplinary techniques
12 appropriate to children of different ages;

13 “(C) child abuse and neglect prevention
14 and detection; and

15 “(D) cardiopulmonary resuscitation and
16 other emergency medical procedures.

17 “(4) USE OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PRO-
18 GRAMS.—The Commandant may use Department of
19 Defense training programs, on a reimbursable or
20 nonreimbursable basis, for purposes of this sub-
21 section.

22 “(b) TRAINING AND CURRICULUM SPECIALISTS.—

23 “(1) SPECIALIST REQUIRED.—The Com-
24 mandant shall require that at least 1 employee at
25 each Coast Guard child development center be a spe-

1 specialist in training and curriculum development with
2 appropriate credentials and experience.

3 “(2) DUTIES.—The duties of the specialist de-
4 scribed in paragraph (1) shall include—

5 “(A) special teaching activities;

6 “(B) daily oversight and instruction of
7 other child care employees;

8 “(C) daily assistance in the preparation of
9 lesson plans;

10 “(D) assisting with child abuse and neglect
11 prevention and detection; and

12 “(E) advising the director of the center on
13 the performance of the other child care employ-
14 ees.

15 “(3) COMPETITIVE SERVICE.—Each specialist
16 described in paragraph (1) shall be an employee in
17 a competitive service position.

18 **“§ 555. Parent partnerships with child development**
19 **centers**

20 “(a) PARENT BOARDS.—

21 “(1) FORMATION.—The Commandant shall re-
22 quire that there be formed at each Coast Guard
23 child development center a board of parents, to be
24 composed of parents of children attending the cen-
25 ter.

1 “(2) FUNCTIONS.—Each board of parents
2 formed under paragraph (1) shall—

3 “(A) meet periodically with the staff of the
4 center at which the board is formed and the
5 commander of the unit served by the center, for
6 the purpose of discussing problems and con-
7 cerns; and

8 “(B) be responsible, together with the staff
9 of the center, for coordinating any parent par-
10 ticipation initiative established under subsection
11 (b).

12 “(3) FACA.—The Federal Advisory Committee
13 Act (5 U.S.C. App.) does not apply to a board of
14 parents formed under paragraph (1).

15 “(b) PARENT PARTICIPATION INITIATIVE.—The
16 Commandant is authorized to establish a parent participa-
17 tion initiative at each Coast Guard child development cen-
18 ter to encourage and facilitate parent participation in edu-
19 cational and related activities at the center.”.

20 (b) TRANSFER OF PROVISIONS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—

22 (A) REIMBURSEMENT FOR ADOPTION EX-
23 PENSES.—Section 514 of title 14, United
24 States Code, is redesignated as section 541 and

1 transferred to appear before section 542 of such
2 title, as added by subsection (a) of this section.

3 (B) CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.—

4 Section 515 of title 14, United States Code—

5 (i) is redesignated as section 552 and
6 transferred to appear after section 551 of
7 such title, as added by subsection (a) of
8 this section; and

9 (ii) is amended—

10 (I) in subsection (b)(2)(B) by in-
11 serring “and whether a family is par-
12 ticipating in an initiative established
13 under section 555(b)” after “family
14 income”;

15 (II) by striking subsections (c)
16 and (e); and

17 (III) by redesignating subsection
18 (d) as subsection (e).

19 (C) DEPENDENT SCHOOL CHILDREN.—

20 Section 657 of title 14, United States Code—

21 (i) is redesignated as section 544 and
22 transferred to appear after section 543 of
23 such title, as added by subsection (a) of
24 this section; and

1 (ii) is amended in subsection (a) by
 2 striking “Except as otherwise” and all that
 3 follows through “the Secretary may” and
 4 inserting “The Secretary may”.

5 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6 (A) PART I.—The analysis for part I of
 7 title 14, United States Code, is amended by in-
 8 serting after the item relating to chapter 13 the
 9 following:

“14. Coast Guard Family Support and Child Care 531”.

10 (B) CHAPTER 13.—The analysis for chap-
 11 ter 13 of title 14, United States Code, is
 12 amended—

13 (i) by striking the item relating to sec-
 14 tion 514; and

15 (ii) by striking the item relating to
 16 section 515.

17 (C) CHAPTER 14.—The analysis for chap-
 18 ter 14 of title 14, United States Code, as added
 19 by subsection (a) of this section, is amended by
 20 inserting—

21 (i) before the item relating to section
 22 542 the following:

“541. Reimbursement for adoption expenses.”;

1 (ii) after the item relating to section
2 551 the following:

“552. Child development services.”;

3 and

4 (iii) after the item relating to section
5 543 the following:

“544. Dependent school children.”.

6 (D) CHAPTER 17.—The analysis for chap-
7 ter 17 of title 14, United States Code, is
8 amended by striking the item relating to section
9 657.

10 (e) COMMANDANT; GENERAL POWERS.—Section
11 93(a)(7) of title 14, United States Code, as amended by
12 this Act, is further amended by inserting “, and to eligible
13 spouses as defined under section 542,” after “Coast
14 Guard”.

15 (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of Congress
17 that the amount of funds appropriated for a fiscal
18 year for operating expenses related to Coast Guard
19 child development services should not be less than
20 the amount of the child development center fee re-
21 ceipts estimated to be collected by the Coast Guard
22 during that fiscal year.

23 (2) CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER FEE RE-
24 CEIPTS DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term

1 “child development center fee receipts” means fees
2 paid by members of the Coast Guard for child care
3 services provided at Coast Guard child development
4 centers.

5 **SEC. 215. MISSION NEED STATEMENT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 569 of title 14, United
7 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 **“§ 569. Mission need statement**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—On the date on which the Presi-
10 dent submits to Congress a budget for fiscal year 2016
11 under section 1105 of title 31, on the date on which the
12 President submits to Congress a budget for fiscal year
13 2019 under such section, and every 4 years thereafter, the
14 Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-
15 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
16 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
17 tation of the Senate an integrated major acquisition mis-
18 sion need statement.

19 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following
20 definitions apply:

21 “(1) INTEGRATED MAJOR ACQUISITION MISSION
22 NEED STATEMENT.—The term ‘integrated major ac-
23 quisition mission need statement’ means a document
24 that—

1 “(A) identifies current and projected gaps
2 in Coast Guard mission capabilities using mis-
3 sion hour targets;

4 “(B) explains how each major acquisition
5 program addresses gaps identified under sub-
6 paragraph (A) if funded at the levels provided
7 for such program in the most recently sub-
8 mitted capital investment plan; and

9 “(C) describes the missions the Coast
10 Guard will not be able to achieve, by fiscal year,
11 for each gap identified under subparagraph (A).

12 “(2) MAJOR ACQUISITION PROGRAM.—The term
13 ‘major acquisition program’ has the meaning given
14 that term in section 569a(e).

15 “(3) CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN.—The term
16 ‘capital investment plan’ means the plan required
17 under section 663(a)(1).”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
19 ter 15 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by
20 striking the item relating to section 569 and inserting the
21 following:

“569. Mission need statement.”.

1 **SEC. 216. TRANSMISSION OF ANNUAL COAST GUARD AU-**
2 **THORIZATION REQUEST.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 14, United States Code, as
4 amended by this Act, is further amended by inserting after
5 section 662 the following:

6 **“§ 662a. Transmission of annual Coast Guard author-**
7 **ization request**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
9 date on which the President submits to Congress a budget
10 for a fiscal year pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, the
11 Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-
12 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
13 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
14 tation of the Senate a Coast Guard authorization request
15 with respect to such fiscal year.

16 “(b) COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION REQUEST DE-
17 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘Coast Guard authoriza-
18 tion request’ means a proposal for legislation that, with
19 respect to the Coast Guard for the relevant fiscal year—

20 “(1) recommends end strengths for personnel
21 for that fiscal year, as described in section 661;

22 “(2) recommends authorizations of appropria-
23 tions for that fiscal year, including with respect to
24 matters described in section 662; and

1 “(3) addresses any other matter that the Sec-
2 retary determines is appropriate for inclusion in a
3 Coast Guard authorization bill.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
5 ter 17 of title 14, United States Code, as amended by this
6 Act, is further amended by inserting after the item relat-
7 ing to section 662 the following:

 “662a. Transmission of annual Coast Guard authorization request.”.

8 **SEC. 217. INVENTORY OF REAL PROPERTY.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 17 of title 14, United
10 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing:

12 **“§ 679. Inventory of real property**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,
14 2015, the Commandant shall establish an inventory of all
15 real property, including submerged lands, under the con-
16 trol of the Coast Guard, which shall include—

17 “(1) the size, the location, and any other appro-
18 priate description of each unit of such property;

19 “(2) an assessment of the physical condition of
20 each unit of such property, excluding lands;

21 “(3) a determination of whether each unit of
22 such property should be—

23 “(A) retained to fulfill a current or pro-
24 jected Coast Guard mission requirement; or

25 “(B) subject to divestiture; and

1 “(4) other information the Commandant con-
2 siders appropriate.

3 “(b) INVENTORY MAINTENANCE.—The Commandant
4 shall—

5 “(1) maintain the inventory required under sub-
6 section (a) on an ongoing basis; and

7 “(2) update information on each unit of real
8 property included in such inventory not later than
9 30 days after any change relating to the control of
10 such property.

11 “(c) RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONGRESS.—Not later
12 than March 30, 2016, and every 5 years thereafter, the
13 Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-
14 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
15 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
16 tation of the Senate a report that includes—

17 “(1) a list of all real property under the control
18 of the Coast Guard and the location of such prop-
19 erty by property type;

20 “(2) recommendations for divestiture with re-
21 spect to any units of such property; and

22 “(3) recommendations for consolidating any
23 units of such property, including—

1 “(A) an estimate of the costs or savings
2 associated with each recommended consolida-
3 tion; and

4 “(B) a discussion of the impact that such
5 consolidation would have on Coast Guard mis-
6 sion effectiveness.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such
8 chapter, as amended by this Act, is further amended by
9 adding at the end the following:

 “679. Inventory of real property.”.

10 **SEC. 218. RETIRED SERVICE MEMBERS AND DEPENDENTS**

11 **SERVING ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 17 of title 14, United
13 States Code, as amended by this Act, is further amended
14 by adding at the end the following:

15 **“§ 680. Retired service members and dependents**
16 **serving on advisory committees**

17 “A committee that—

18 “(1) advises or assists the Coast Guard with re-
19 spect to a function that affects a member of the
20 Coast Guard or a dependent of such a member; and

21 “(2) includes in its membership a retired Coast
22 Guard member or a dependent of such a retired
23 member;

1 shall not be considered an advisory committee under the
2 Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) solely
3 because of such membership.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such
5 chapter, as amended by this Act, is further amended by
6 inserting after the item relating to section 679 the fol-
7 lowing:

“680. Retired service members and dependents serving on advisory commit-
tees.”.

8 **SEC. 219. ACTIVE DUTY FOR EMERGENCY AUGMENTATION**
9 **OF REGULAR FORCES.**

10 Section 712(a) of title 14, United States Code, is
11 amended by striking “not more than 60 days in any 4-
12 month period and”.

13 **SEC. 220. ACQUISITION WORKFORCE EXPEDITED HIRING**
14 **AUTHORITY.**

15 Section 404(b) of the Coast Guard Authorization Act
16 of 2010 (Public Law 111–281; 124 Stat. 2951) is amend-
17 ed by striking “2015” and inserting “2017”.

18 **SEC. 221. COAST GUARD ADMINISTRATIVE SAVINGS.**

19 (a) ELIMINATION OF OUTDATED AND DUPLICATIVE
20 REPORTS.—

21 (1) MARINE INDUSTRY TRAINING.—Section 59
22 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

1 (A) by striking “(a) IN GENERAL.—The
2 Commandant” and inserting “The Com-
3 mandant”; and

4 (B) by striking subsection (b).

5 (2) OPERATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.—Section
6 651 of title 14, United States Code, and the item re-
7 lating to such section in the analysis for chapter 17
8 of such title, are repealed.

9 (3) DRUG INTERDICTION.—Section 103 of the
10 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996 (14 U.S.C.
11 89 note), and the item relating to that section in the
12 table of contents in section 2 of that Act, are re-
13 pealed.

14 (4) NATIONAL DEFENSE.—Section 426 of the
15 Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (14
16 U.S.C. 2 note), and the item relating to that section
17 in the table of contents in section 1(b) of that Act,
18 are repealed.

19 (5) LIVING MARINE RESOURCES.—Section 4(b)
20 of the Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act of 2010
21 (16 U.S.C. 1828 note) is amended by adding at the
22 end the following: “No report shall be required
23 under this subsection, including that no report shall
24 be required under section 224 of the Coast Guard
25 and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004 or section

1 804 of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transpor-
2 tation Act of 2006, for fiscal years beginning after
3 fiscal year 2014.”.

4 (b) CONSOLIDATION AND REFORM OF REPORTING
5 REQUIREMENTS.—

6 (1) MARINE SAFETY.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 2116(d)(2)(B)
8 of title 46, United States Code, is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 “(B) on the program’s mission perform-
11 ance in achieving numerical measurable goals
12 established under subsection (b), including—

13 “(i) the number of civilian and mili-
14 tary Coast Guard personnel assigned to
15 marine safety positions; and

16 “(ii) an identification of marine safety
17 positions that are understaffed to meet the
18 workload required to accomplish each ac-
19 tivity included in the strategy and plans
20 under subsection (a); and”.

21 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
22 57 of title 14, United States Code, as amended
23 by this Act, is further amended—

24 (i) by striking subsection (e); and

1 (ii) by redesignating subsections (f),
2 (g), and (h) as subsections (e), (f), and (g)
3 respectively.

4 (2) MINOR CONSTRUCTION.—Section 656(d)(2)
5 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 “(2) REPORT.—Not later than the date on
8 which the President submits to Congress a budget
9 under section 1105 of title 31 each year, the Sec-
10 retary shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-
11 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Represent-
12 atives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,
13 and Transportation of the Senate a report describ-
14 ing each project carried out under paragraph (1), in
15 the most recently concluded fiscal year, for which
16 the amount expended under such paragraph for such
17 project was more than \$1,000,000. If no such
18 project was carried out during a fiscal year, no re-
19 port under this paragraph shall be required with re-
20 spect to that fiscal year.”.

21 **SEC. 222. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 14.**

22 Title 14, United States Code, as amended by this Act,
23 is further amended—

1 foot, Reliance-Class Cutters operated by the Coast
2 Guard on the date of enactment of this Act;

3 (2) a schedule and plan for enhancing the
4 maintenance or extending the service life of each of
5 the 270-foot, Famous-Class Cutters operated by the
6 Coast Guard on the date of enactment of this Act—

7 (A) to maintain the capability of the Coast
8 Guard to carry out sea-going missions with re-
9 spect to such Cutters at the level of capability
10 existing on September 30, 2013; and

11 (B) for the period beginning on the date of
12 enactment of this Act and ending on the date
13 on which the final Offshore Patrol Cutter is
14 scheduled to be commissioned under paragraph
15 (4);

16 (3) an identification of the number of Offshore
17 Patrol Cutters capable of sea state 5 operations
18 that, if 8 National Security Cutters are commis-
19 sioned, are necessary to return the sea state 5 oper-
20 ating capability of the Coast Guard to the level of
21 capability that existed prior to the decommissioning
22 of the first High Endurance Cutter in fiscal year
23 2011;

1 **SEC. 226. GAPS IN WRITINGS ON COAST GUARD HISTORY.**

2 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall
4 submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
5 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
6 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives a report on any gaps that exist in writings
8 on the history of the Coast Guard. The report shall ad-
9 dress, at a minimum, operations, broad topics, and biog-
10 raphies with respect to the Coast Guard.

11 **SEC. 227. OFFICER EVALUATION REPORTS.**

12 (a) **ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180
13 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
14 mandant of the Coast Guard shall provide to the Com-
15 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
16 Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
17 structure of the House of Representatives a written as-
18 sessment of the Coast Guard’s officer evaluation reporting
19 system.

20 (b) **CONTENTS OF ASSESSMENT.**—The assessment
21 required under subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum,
22 an analysis of—

23 (1) the extent to which the Coast Guard’s offi-
24 cer evaluation reports differ in length, form, and
25 content from the officer fitness reports used by the
26 Navy and other branches of the Armed Forces;

1 (2) the extent to which differences determined
2 pursuant to paragraph (1) are the result of inherent
3 differences between—

4 (A) the Coast Guard and the Navy; and

5 (B) the Coast Guard and other branches of
6 the Armed Forces;

7 (3) the feasibility of more closely aligning and
8 conforming the Coast Guard’s officer evaluation re-
9 ports with the officer fitness reports of the Navy and
10 other branches of the Armed Forces; and

11 (4) the costs and benefits of the alignment and
12 conformity described in paragraph (3), including
13 with respect to—

14 (A) Coast Guard administrative efficiency;

15 (B) fairness and equity for Coast Guard
16 officers; and

17 (C) carrying out the Coast Guard’s statu-
18 tory mission of defense readiness, including
19 when operating as a service in the Navy.

20 **SEC. 228. IMPROVED SAFETY INFORMATION FOR VESSELS.**

21 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
22 of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the
23 Coast Guard is operating shall establish a process that al-
24 lows an operator of a marine exchange or other non-Fed-
25 eral vessel traffic information service to use the automatic

1 identification system to transmit weather, ice, and other
2 important navigation safety information to vessels.

3 **SEC. 229. E-LORAN.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the department
5 in which the Coast Guard is operating may not carry out
6 activities related to the dismantling or disposal of infra-
7 structure that supported the former LORAN system until
8 the later of—

9 (1) the date that is 1 year after the date of en-
10 actment of this Act; or

11 (2) the date on which the Secretary provides to
12 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
13 of the House of Representatives and the Committee
14 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
15 Senate notice of a determination by the Secretary
16 that such infrastructure is not required to provide a
17 positioning, navigation, and timing system to provide
18 redundant capability in the event GPS signals are
19 disrupted.

20 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to
21 activities necessary for the safety of human life.

22 (c) AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may enter into co-
23 operative agreements, contracts, and other agreements
24 with Federal entities and other public or private entities,
25 including academic entities, to develop a positioning, navi-

1 gation, and timing system, including an enhanced LORAN
2 system, to provide redundant capability in the event GPS
3 signals are disrupted.

4 **SEC. 230. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCE DEFICIENCIES WITH RE-**
5 **SPECT TO MARITIME BORDER SECURITY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
7 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant of the
8 Coast Guard shall provide to the Committee on Com-
9 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the
10 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the
11 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives a report describing any Coast Guard resource
13 deficiencies related to—

14 (1) securing maritime borders with respect to
15 the Great Lakes and the coastal areas of the South-
16 eastern and Southwestern United States, including
17 with respect to Florida, California, Puerto Rico, and
18 the United States Virgin Islands;

19 (2) patrolling and monitoring maritime ap-
20 proaches to the areas described in paragraph (1);
21 and

22 (3) patrolling and monitoring relevant portions
23 of the Western Hemisphere Drug Transit Zone.

1 (b) SCOPE.—In preparing the report under sub-
2 section (a), the Commandant shall consider, at a min-
3 imum—

4 (1) the Coast Guard’s statutory missions with
5 respect to migrant interdiction, drug interdiction,
6 defense readiness, living marine resources, and
7 ports, waterways, and coastal security;

8 (2) whether Coast Guard missions are being ex-
9 ecuted to meet national performance targets set
10 under the National Drug Control Strategy;

11 (3) the number and types of cutters and other
12 vessels required to effectively execute Coast Guard
13 missions;

14 (4) the number and types of aircraft, including
15 unmanned aircraft, required to effectively execute
16 Coast Guard missions;

17 (5) the number of assets that require upgraded
18 sensor and communications systems to effectively
19 execute Coast Guard missions;

20 (6) the Deployable Specialized Forces required
21 to effectively execute Coast Guard missions; and

22 (7) whether additional shoreside facilities are
23 required to accommodate Coast Guard personnel
24 and assets in support of Coast Guard missions.

1 **SEC. 231. MODERNIZATION OF NATIONAL DISTRESS AND**
2 **RESPONSE SYSTEM.**

3 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date
4 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the department
5 in which the Coast Guard is operating shall submit to the
6 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
7 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
8 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
9 on the implementation of the Rescue 21 project in Alaska
10 and in Coast Guard sectors Upper Mississippi River,
11 Lower Mississippi River, and Ohio River Valley.

12 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required under sub-
13 section (a) shall—

14 (1) describe what improvements are being made
15 to the distress response system in the areas specified
16 in subsection (a), including information on which
17 areas will receive digital selective calling and direc-
18 tion finding capability;

19 (2) describe the impediments to installing dig-
20 ital selective calling and direction finding capability
21 in areas where such technology will not be installed;

22 (3) identify locations in the areas specified in
23 subsection (a) where communication gaps will con-
24 tinue to present a risk to mariners after completion
25 of the Rescue 21 project;

1 (1) the extent to which Coast Guard search and
2 rescue coordinators have entered into domestic
3 search and rescue agreements with State and local
4 responders under the National Search and Rescue
5 Plan;

6 (2) whether the domestic search and rescue
7 agreements include the Maritime Search and Rescue
8 Assistance Policy; and

9 (3) the extent to which Coast Guard sectors co-
10 ordinate with 911 emergency centers, including en-
11 suring the dissemination of appropriate maritime
12 distress check-sheets.

13 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
14 of enactment of this Act, the Commandant of the Coast
15 Guard shall submit a report on the assessment under sub-
16 section (a) to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
17 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
18 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
19 resentatives.

20 **TITLE III—SHIPPING AND**
21 **NAVIGATION**

22 **SEC. 301. REPEAL.**

23 Chapter 555 of title 46, United States Code, is
24 amended—

25 (1) by repealing section 55501;

1 (2) by redesignating section 55502 as section
2 55501; and

3 (3) in the analysis by striking the items relating
4 to sections 55501 and 55502 and inserting the fol-
5 lowing:

“55501. United States Committee on the Marine Transportation System.”.

6 **SEC. 302. DONATION OF HISTORICAL PROPERTY.**

7 Section 51103 of title 46, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(e) DONATION FOR HISTORICAL PURPOSES.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may convey
11 the right, title, and interest of the United States
12 Government in any property administered by the
13 Maritime Administration, except real estate or ves-
14 sels, if—

15 “(A) the Secretary determines that such
16 property is not needed by the Maritime Admin-
17 istration; and

18 “(B) the recipient—

19 “(i) is a nonprofit organization, a
20 State, or a political subdivision of a State;

21 “(ii) agrees to hold the Government
22 harmless for any claims arising from expo-
23 sure to hazardous materials, including as-
24 bestos, polychlorinated biphenyls, or lead
25 paint, after conveyance of the property;

1 “(iii) provides a description and expla-
2 nation of the intended use of the property
3 to the Secretary for approval;

4 “(iv) has provided to the Secretary
5 proof, as determined by the Secretary, of
6 resources sufficient to accomplish the in-
7 tended use provided under clause (iii) and
8 to maintain the property;

9 “(v) agrees that when the recipient no
10 longer requires the property, the recipient
11 shall—

12 “(I) return the property to the
13 Secretary, at the recipient’s expense
14 and in the same condition as received
15 except for ordinary wear and tear; or

16 “(II) subject to the approval of
17 the Secretary, retain, sell, or other-
18 wise dispose of the property in a man-
19 ner consistent with applicable law;
20 and

21 “(vi) agrees to any additional terms
22 the Secretary considers appropriate.

23 “(2) REVERSION.—The Secretary shall include
24 in any conveyance under this subsection terms under
25 which all right, title, and interest conveyed by the

1 Secretary shall revert to the Government if the Sec-
2 retary determines the property has been used other
3 than as approved by the Secretary under paragraph
4 (1)(B)(iii).”.

5 **SEC. 303. SMALL SHIPYARDS.**

6 Section 54101(i) of title 46, United States Code, is
7 amended by striking “2009 through 2013” and inserting
8 “2015 through 2017”.

9 **SEC. 304. DRUG TESTING REPORTING.**

10 Section 7706 of title 46, United States Code, is
11 amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “an applicant
13 for employment by a Federal agency,” after “Fed-
14 eral agency,”; and

15 (2) in subsection (c), by—

16 (A) inserting “or an applicant for employ-
17 ment by a Federal agency” after “an em-
18 ployee”; and

19 (B) striking “the employee.” and inserting
20 “the employee or the applicant.”.

21 **SEC. 305. OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEA SERVICE VETERANS.**

22 (a) ENDORSEMENTS FOR VETERANS.—Section 7101
23 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at
24 the end the following:

1 “(j) The Secretary may issue a license under this sec-
2 tion in a class under subsection (c) to an applicant that—

3 “(1) has at least 3 months of qualifying service
4 on vessels of the uniformed services (as that term is
5 defined in section 101(a) of title 10) of appropriate
6 tonnage or horsepower within the 7-year period im-
7 mediately preceding the date of application; and

8 “(2) satisfies all other requirements for such a
9 license.”.

10 (b) SEA SERVICE LETTERS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Title 14, United States
12 Code, is amended by inserting after section 427 the
13 following:

14 “§ 428. Sea service letters

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide a
16 sea service letter to a member or former member of the
17 Coast Guard who—

18 “(1) accumulated sea service on a vessel of the
19 armed forces (as such term is defined in section
20 101(a) of title 10); and

21 “(2) requests such letter.

22 “(b) DEADLINE.—Not later than 30 days after re-
23 ceiving a request for a sea service letter from a member
24 or former member of the Coast Guard under subsection
25 (a), the Secretary shall provide such letter to such member

1 or former member if such member or former member sat-
2 isfies the requirement under subsection (a)(1).”.

3 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
4 chapter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is
5 amended by inserting after the item relating to sec-
6 tion 427 the following:

“428. Sea service letters.”.

7 (c) CREDITING OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES
8 SERVICE, TRAINING, AND QUALIFICATIONS.—

9 (1) MAXIMIZING CREDITABILITY.—The Sec-
10 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard
11 is operating, in implementing United States mer-
12 chant mariner license, certification, and document
13 laws and the International Convention on Standards
14 of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Sea-
15 farers, 1978, shall maximize the extent to which
16 United States Armed Forces service, training, and
17 qualifications are creditable toward meeting the re-
18 quirements of such laws and such Convention.

19 (2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 90 days
20 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
21 retary shall notify the Committee on Transportation
22 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
23 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
24 Transportation of the Senate on the steps taken to
25 implement this subsection.

1 (d) MERCHANT MARINE POST-SERVICE CAREER OP-
2 PORTUNITIES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of
3 enactment of this Act, the Commandant of the Coast
4 Guard shall take steps to promote better awareness, on
5 an ongoing basis, among Coast Guard personnel regarding
6 post-service use of Coast Guard training, education, and
7 practical experience in satisfaction of requirements for
8 merchant mariner credentials under section 11.213 of title
9 46, Code of Federal Regulations.

10 **SEC. 306. CLARIFICATION OF HIGH-RISK WATERS.**

11 Section 55305(e) of title 46, United States Code, is
12 amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (1)—

14 (A) by striking “provide armed personnel
15 aboard” and inserting “reimburse, subject to
16 the availability of appropriations, the owners or
17 operators of”; and

18 (B) by inserting “for the cost of providing
19 armed personnel aboard such vessels” before
20 “if”; and

21 (2) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and in-
22 serting the following:

23 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘high-risk
24 waters’ means waters so designated by the Com-
25 mandant of the Coast Guard in the maritime secu-

1 rity directive issued by the Commandant and in ef-
2 fect on the date on which an applicable voyage be-
3 gins, if the Secretary of Transportation—

4 “(A) determines that an act of piracy oc-
5 curred in the 12-month period preceding the
6 date the voyage begins; or

7 “(B) in such period, issued an advisory
8 warning that an act of piracy is possible in such
9 waters.”.

10 **SEC. 307. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

11 (a) TITLE 46.—Section 2116(b)(1)(D) of title 46,
12 United States Code, is amended by striking “section
13 93(c)” and inserting “section 93(c) of title 14”.

14 (b) COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION
15 ACT OF 2006.—Section 304(a) of the Coast Guard and
16 Maritime Transportation Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–
17 241; 33 U.S.C. 1503 note) is amended by inserting “and
18 from” before “the United States”.

19 (c) DEEPWATER PORT ACT OF 1974.—Section 4(i)
20 of the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1503(i))
21 is amended by inserting “or that will supply” after “be
22 supplied with”.

23 **SEC. 308. REPORT.**

24 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
25 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States

1 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-
2 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
3 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
4 Senate a report on the number of jobs, including vessel
5 construction and vessel operating jobs, that would be cre-
6 ated in the United States maritime industry each year in
7 2015 through 2025 if liquified natural gas exported from
8 the United States were required to be carried—

9 (1) before December 31, 2018, on vessels docu-
10 mented under the laws of the United States; and

11 (2) on and after such date, on vessels docu-
12 mented under the laws of the United States and
13 constructed in the United States.

14 **SEC. 309. FISHING SAFETY GRANT PROGRAMS.**

15 (a) FISHING SAFETY TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM.—
16 Section 4502(i)(4) of title 46, United States Code, is
17 amended by striking “2010 through 2014” and inserting
18 “2015 through 2017”.

19 (b) FISHING SAFETY RESEARCH GRANT PRO-
20 GRAM.—Section 4502(j)(4) of title 46, United States
21 Code, is amended by striking “2010 through 2014” and
22 inserting “2015 through 2017”.

1 **SEC. 310. ESTABLISHMENT OF MERCHANT MARINE PER-**
2 **SONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Chapter 81 of title 46,
4 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
5 following:

6 **“§ 8108. Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Com-**
7 **mittee**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
9 lish a Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (in
10 this section referred to as ‘the Committee’). The Com-
11 mittee—

12 “(1) shall act solely in an advisory capacity to
13 the Secretary through the Commandant of the Coast
14 Guard on matters relating to personnel in the
15 United States merchant marine, including training,
16 qualifications, certification, documentation, and fit-
17 ness standards, and other matters as assigned by
18 the Commandant;

19 “(2) shall review and comment on proposed
20 Coast Guard regulations and policies relating to per-
21 sonnel in the United States merchant marine, in-
22 cluding training, qualifications, certification, docu-
23 mentation, and fitness standards;

24 “(3) may be given special assignments by the
25 Secretary and may conduct studies, inquiries, work-
26 shops, and fact finding in consultation with individ-

1 uals and groups in the private sector and with State
2 or local governments;

3 “(4) shall advise, consult with, and make rec-
4 ommendations reflecting its independent judgment
5 to the Secretary;

6 “(5) shall meet not less than twice each year;
7 and

8 “(6) may make available to Congress rec-
9 ommendations that the Committee makes to the Sec-
10 retary.

11 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall con-
13 sist of not more than 19 members who are appointed
14 by and serve terms of a duration determined by the
15 Secretary. Before filling a position on the Com-
16 mittee, the Secretary shall publish a notice in the
17 Federal Register soliciting nominations for member-
18 ship on the Committee.

19 “(2) REQUIRED MEMBERS.—Subject to para-
20 graph (3), the Secretary shall appoint as members
21 of the Committee—

22 “(A) 9 United States citizens with active
23 licenses or certificates issued under chapter 71
24 or merchant mariner documents issued under
25 chapter 73, including—

1 “(i) 3 deck officers who represent the
2 viewpoint of merchant marine deck offi-
3 cers, of whom—

4 “(I) 2 shall be licensed for oceans
5 any gross tons;

6 “(II) 1 shall be licensed for in-
7 land river route with a limited or un-
8 limited tonnage;

9 “(III) 2 shall have a master’s li-
10 cense or a master of towing vessels li-
11 cense;

12 “(IV) 1 shall have significant
13 tanker experience; and

14 “(V) to the extent practicable—

15 “(aa) 1 shall represent the
16 viewpoint of labor; and

17 “(bb) another shall rep-
18 resent a management perspective;

19 “(ii) 3 engineering officers who rep-
20 resent the viewpoint of merchant marine
21 engineering officers, of whom—

22 “(I) 2 shall be licensed as chief
23 engineer any horsepower;

1 “(II) 1 shall be licensed as either
2 a limited chief engineer or a des-
3 ignated duty engineer; and

4 “(III) to the extent practicable—

5 “(aa) 1 shall represent a
6 labor viewpoint; and

7 “(bb) another shall rep-
8 resent a management perspective;

9 “(iii) 2 unlicensed seamen, of whom—

10 “(I) 1 shall represent the view-
11 point of able-bodied seamen; and

12 “(II) another shall represent the
13 viewpoint of qualified members of the
14 engine department; and

15 “(iv) 1 pilot who represents the view-
16 point of merchant marine pilots;

17 “(B) 6 marine educators, including—

18 “(i) 3 marine educators who represent
19 the viewpoint of maritime academies, in-
20 cluding—

21 “(I) 2 who represent the view-
22 point of State maritime academies
23 and are jointly recommended by such
24 State maritime academies; and

1 “(II) 1 who represents either the
2 viewpoint of the State maritime acad-
3 emies or the United States Merchant
4 Marine Academy; and

5 “(ii) 3 marine educators who rep-
6 resent the viewpoint of other maritime
7 training institutions, 1 of whom shall rep-
8 resent the viewpoint of the small vessel in-
9 dustry;

10 “(C) 2 individuals who represent the view-
11 point of shipping companies employed in ship
12 operation management; and

13 “(D) 2 members who are appointed from
14 the general public.

15 “(3) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall con-
16 sult with the Secretary of Transportation in making
17 an appointment under paragraph (2)(B)(i)(II).

18 “(c) CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.—The Sec-
19 retary shall designate one member of the Committee as
20 the Chairman and one member of the Committee as the
21 Vice Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall act as Chairman
22 in the absence or incapacity of the Chairman, or in the
23 event of a vacancy in the office of the Chairman.

24 “(d) SUBCOMMITTEES.—The Committee may estab-
25 lish and disestablish subcommittees and working groups

1 for any purpose consistent with this section, subject to
2 conditions imposed by the Committee. Members of the
3 Committee and additional persons drawn from the general
4 public may be assigned to such subcommittees and work-
5 ing groups. Only Committee members may chair sub-
6 committee or working groups.

7 “(e) TERMINATION.—The Committee shall terminate
8 on September 30, 2020.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such
10 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following:
“8108. Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee.”.

11 **SEC. 311. TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE COSTS FOR PREVEN-**
12 **TION SERVICES.**

13 (a) TITLE 46, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section 2110
14 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

15 (1) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
16 lows:

17 “(b)(1) In addition to the collection of fees and
18 charges established under subsection (a), in providing a
19 service or thing of value under this subtitle the Secretary
20 may accept in-kind transportation, travel, and subsistence.

21 “(2) The value of in-kind transportation, travel, and
22 subsistence accepted under this paragraph may not exceed
23 applicable per diem rates set forth in regulations pre-
24 scribed under section 464 of title 37.”; and

1 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “subsections
2 (a) and (b),” and inserting “subsection (a),”.

3 (b) TITLE 14, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section 664
4 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by redesignig-
5 nating subsections (e) through (g) as subsections (f)
6 through (h), respectively, and by inserting after subsection
7 (d) the following:

8 “(e)(1) In addition to the collection of fees and
9 charges established under this section, in the provision of
10 a service or thing of value by the Coast Guard the Sec-
11 retary may accept in-kind transportation, travel, and sub-
12 sistence.

13 “(2) The value of in-kind transportation, travel, and
14 subsistence accepted under this paragraph may not exceed
15 applicable per diem rates set forth in regulations pre-
16 scribed under section 464 of title 37.”.

17 (c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of the Department
18 in which the Coast Guard is operating may not accept in-
19 kind transportation, travel, or subsistence under section
20 664(e) of title 14, United States Code, or section
21 2110(d)(4) of title 46, United States Code, as amended
22 by this section, until the Commandant of the Coast
23 Guard—

24 (1) amends the Standards of Ethical Conduct
25 for members and employees of the Coast Guard to

1 include regulations governing the acceptance of in-
2 kind reimbursements; and

3 (2) notifies the Committee on Commerce,
4 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the
5 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
6 the House of Representatives of the amendments
7 made under paragraph (1).

8 **SEC. 312. PROMPT INTERGOVERNMENTAL NOTICE OF MA-**
9 **RINE CASUALTIES.**

10 Section 6101 of title 46, United States Code, is
11 amended—

12 (1) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(c) NOTICE TO STATE AND TRIBAL GOVERN-
15 MENTS.—Not later than 24 hours after receiving a notice
16 of a major marine casualty under this section, the Sec-
17 retary shall notify each State or federally recognized In-
18 dian tribe that is, or may reasonably be expected to be,
19 affected by such marine casualty.”;

20 (2) in subsection (h)—

21 (A) by striking “(1)”; and

22 (B) by redesignating subsection (h)(2) as
23 subsection (i) of section 6101, and in such sub-
24 section—

1 (i) by striking “paragraph,” and in-
2 serting “section,”; and

3 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs
4 (A) through (D) as paragraphs (1)
5 through (4); and

6 (3) by redesignating the last subsection as sub-
7 section (j).

8 **SEC. 313. AREA CONTINGENCY PLANS.**

9 Section 311(j)(4) of the Federal Water Pollution
10 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)(4)) is amended—

11 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “qualified
12 personnel of Federal, State, and local agencies.” and
13 inserting “qualified—

14 “(i) personnel of Federal, State, and local
15 agencies; and

16 “(ii) members of federally recognized In-
17 dian tribes, where applicable.”;

18 (2) in subparagraph (B)(ii)—

19 (A) by striking “and local” and inserting
20 “, local, and tribal”; and

21 (B) by striking “wildlife;” and inserting
22 “wildlife, including advance planning with re-
23 spect to the closing and reopening of fishing
24 areas following a discharge;”;

1 (3) in subparagraph (B)(iii), by striking “and
2 local” and inserting “, local, and tribal”; and

3 (4) in subparagraph (C)—

4 (A) in clause (iv), by striking “and Fed-
5 eral, State, and local agencies” and inserting “,
6 Federal, State, and local agencies, and tribal
7 governments”;

8 (B) by redesignating clauses (vii) and (viii)
9 as clauses (viii) and (ix), respectively; and

10 (C) by inserting after clause (vi) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(vii) include a framework for advance
13 planning and decisionmaking with respect to
14 the closing and reopening of fishing areas fol-
15 lowing a discharge, including protocols and
16 standards for the closing and reopening of fish-
17 ing areas;”.

18 **SEC. 314. INTERNATIONAL ICE PATROL REFORM.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 803 of title 46, United
20 States Code, is amended—

21 (1) in section 80301, by adding at the end the
22 following:

23 “(c) PAYMENTS.—Payments received pursuant to
24 subsection (b)(1) shall be credited to the appropriation for
25 operating expenses of the Coast Guard.”;

1 (2) in section 80302—

2 (A) in subsection (b), by striking “An ice
3 patrol vessel” and inserting “The ice patrol”;

4 (B) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “An
5 ice patrol vessel” and inserting “The ice pa-
6 trol”; and

7 (C) in the first sentence of subsection (d),
8 by striking “vessels” and inserting “aircraft”;
9 and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 **“§ 80304. Limitation on ice patrol data**

12 “Notwithstanding sections 80301 and 80302, data
13 collected by an ice patrol conducted by the Coast Guard
14 under this chapter may not be disseminated to a vessel
15 unless such vessel is—

16 “(1) documented under the laws of the United
17 States; or

18 “(2) documented under the laws of a foreign
19 country that made the payment or contribution re-
20 quired under section 80301(b) for the year pre-
21 ceding the year in which the data is collected.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such
23 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following:

“80304. Limitation on ice patrol data.”.

24 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
25 on January 1, 2017.

1 **SEC. 315. OFFSHORE SUPPLY VESSEL THIRD-PARTY IN-**
2 **SPECTION.**

3 Section 3316 of title 46, United States Code, is
4 amended by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (g),
5 and by inserting after subsection (e) the following:

6 “(f)(1) Upon request of an owner or operator of an
7 offshore supply vessel, the Secretary shall delegate the au-
8 thorities set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) with
9 respect to such vessel to a classification society to which
10 a delegation is authorized under that paragraph. A delega-
11 tion by the Secretary under this subsection shall be used
12 for any vessel inspection and examination function carried
13 out by the Secretary, including the issuance of certificates
14 of inspection and all other related documents.

15 “(2) If the Secretary determines that a certificate of
16 inspection or related document issued under authority del-
17 egated under paragraph (1) of this subsection with respect
18 to a vessel has reduced the operational safety of that ves-
19 sel, the Secretary may terminate the certificate or docu-
20 ment, respectively.

21 “(3) Not later than 2 years after the date of the en-
22 actment of the Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime
23 Transportation Act of 2014, and for each year of the sub-
24 sequent 2-year period, the Secretary shall provide to the
25 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
26 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-

1 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
2 describing—

3 “(A) the number of vessels for which a delega-
4 tion was made under paragraph (1);

5 “(B) any savings in personnel and operational
6 costs incurred by the Coast Guard that resulted
7 from the delegations; and

8 “(C) based on measurable marine casualty and
9 other data, any impacts of the delegations on the
10 operational safety of vessels for which the delega-
11 tions were made, and on the crew on those vessels.”.

12 **SEC. 316. WATCHES.**

13 Section 8104 of title 46, United States Code, is
14 amended—

15 (1) in subsection (d), by striking “coal passers,
16 firemen, oilers, and water tenders” and inserting
17 “and oilers”; and

18 (2) in subsection (g)(1), by striking “(except
19 the coal passers, firemen, oilers, and water
20 tenders)”.

21 **SEC. 317. COAST GUARD RESPONSE PLAN REQUIREMENTS.**

22 (a) VESSEL RESPONSE PLAN CONTENTS.—The Sec-
23 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard is op-
24 erating shall require that each vessel response plan pre-
25 pared for a mobile offshore drilling unit includes informa-

1 tion from the facility response plan prepared for the mo-
2 bile offshore drilling unit regarding the planned response
3 to a worst case discharge, and to a threat of such a dis-
4 charge.

5 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNIT.—The
7 term “mobile offshore drilling unit” has the meaning
8 given that term in section 1001 of the Oil Pollution
9 Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701).

10 (2) RESPONSE PLAN.—The term “response
11 plan” means a response plan prepared under section
12 311(j) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
13 (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)).

14 (3) WORST CASE DISCHARGE.—The term
15 “worst case discharge” has the meaning given that
16 term under section 311(a) of the Federal Water Pol-
17 lution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(a)).

18 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
19 tion shall be construed to require the Coast Guard to re-
20 view or approve a facility response plan for a mobile off-
21 shore drilling unit.

22 **SEC. 318. REGIONAL CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

23 Section 5002(k)(3) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990
24 (33 U.S.C. 2732(k)(3)) is amended by striking “not more

1 than \$1,000,000” and inserting “not less than
2 \$1,400,000”.

3 **SEC. 319. UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSELS IN THE**
4 **UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4105 of title 46, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
8 section (c); and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(b)(1) In applying this title with respect to an
12 uninspected vessel of less than 24 meters overall in length
13 that carries passengers to or from a port in the United
14 States Virgin Islands, the Secretary shall substitute ‘12
15 passengers’ for ‘6 passengers’ each place it appears in sec-
16 tion 2101(42) if the Secretary determines that the vessel
17 complies with, as applicable to the vessel—

18 “(A) the Code of Practice for the Safety of
19 Small Commercial Motor Vessels (commonly re-
20 ferred to as the ‘Yellow Code’), as published by
21 the U.K. Maritime and Coastguard Agency and
22 in effect on January 1, 2014; or

23 “(B) the Code of Practice for the Safety of
24 Small Commercial Sailing Vessels (commonly

1 referred to as the ‘Blue Code’), as published by
2 such agency and in effect on such date.

3 “(2) If the Secretary establishes standards to
4 carry out this subsection—

5 “(A) such standards shall be identical to
6 those established in the Codes of Practice re-
7 ferred to in paragraph (1); and

8 “(B) on any dates before the date on
9 which such standards are in effect, the Codes of
10 Practice referred to in paragraph (1) shall
11 apply with respect to the vessels referred to in
12 paragraph (1).”.

13 (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section 4105(c) of
14 title 46, United States Code, as redesignated by subsection
15 (a)(1) of this section, is amended by striking “Within
16 twenty-four months of the date of enactment of this sub-
17 section, the” and inserting “The”.

18 **SEC. 320. TREATMENT OF ABANDONED SEAFARERS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 111 of title 46, United
20 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
21 lowing:

22 **“§ 11113. Treatment of abandoned seafarers**

23 “(a) ABANDONED SEAFARERS FUND.—

1 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in
2 the Treasury a separate account to be known as the
3 Abandoned Seafarers Fund.

4 “(2) AUTHORIZED USES.—Amounts in the
5 Fund may be appropriated to the Secretary for
6 use—

7 “(A) to pay necessary support of a sea-
8 farer—

9 “(i) who—

10 “(I) was paroled into the United
11 States under section 212(d)(5) of the
12 Immigration and Nationality Act (8
13 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)), or for whom the
14 Secretary has requested parole under
15 such section; and

16 “(II) is involved in an investiga-
17 tion, reporting, documentation, or ad-
18 judication of any matter that is re-
19 lated to the administration or enforce-
20 ment of law by the Coast Guard; or

21 “(ii) who—

22 “(I) is physically present in the
23 United States;

1 “(II) the Secretary determines
2 was abandoned in the United States;
3 and

4 “(III) has not applied for asylum
5 under the Immigration and Nation-
6 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.); and

7 “(B) to reimburse a vessel owner or oper-
8 ator for the costs of necessary support of a sea-
9 farer who has been paroled into the United
10 States to facilitate an investigation, reporting,
11 documentation, or adjudication of any matter
12 that is related to the administration or enforce-
13 ment of law by the Coast Guard, if—

14 “(i) the vessel owner or operator is
15 not convicted of a criminal offense related
16 to such matter; or

17 “(ii) the Secretary determines that re-
18 imbursement is appropriate.

19 “(3) CREDITING OF AMOUNTS TO FUND.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
21 subparagraph (B), there shall be credited to the
22 Fund the following:

23 “(i) Penalties deposited in the Fund
24 under section 9 of the Act to Prevent Pol-
25 lution from Ships (33 U.S.C. 1908).

1 “(ii) Amounts reimbursed or recov-
2 ered under subsection (c).

3 “(B) LIMITATION.—Amounts may be cred-
4 ited to the Fund under subparagraph (A) only
5 if the unobligated balance of the Fund is less
6 than \$5,000,000.

7 “(4) REPORT REQUIRED.—On the date on
8 which the President submits each budget for a fiscal
9 year pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, the Sec-
10 retary shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-
11 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Represent-
12 atives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,
13 and Transportation of the Senate a report that de-
14 scribes—

15 “(A) the amounts credited to the Fund
16 under paragraph (2) for the preceding fiscal
17 year; and

18 “(B) amounts in the Fund that were ex-
19 pended for the preceding fiscal year.

20 “(b) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this section shall be
21 construed—

22 “(1) to create a private right of action or any
23 other right, benefit, or entitlement to necessary sup-
24 port for any person; or

1 “(2) to compel the Secretary to pay or reim-
2 burse the cost of necessary support.

3 “(c) REIMBURSEMENT; RECOVERY.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A vessel owner or operator
5 shall reimburse the Fund an amount equal to the
6 total amount paid from the Fund for necessary sup-
7 port of a seafarer, if—

8 “(A) the vessel owner or operator—

9 “(i) during the course of an investiga-
10 tion, reporting, documentation, or adju-
11 dication of any matter under this Act that
12 the Coast Guard referred to a United
13 States attorney or the Attorney General,
14 fails to provide necessary support of a sea-
15 farer who was paroled into the United
16 States to facilitate the investigation, re-
17 porting, documentation, or adjudication;
18 and

19 “(ii) subsequently is—

20 “(I) convicted of a criminal of-
21 fense related to such matter; or

22 “(II) required to reimburse the
23 Fund pursuant to a court order or ne-
24 gotiated settlement related to such
25 matter; or

1 “(B) the vessel owner or operator aban-
2 dons a seafarer in the United States, as deter-
3 mined by the Secretary based on substantial
4 evidence.

5 “(2) ENFORCEMENT.—If a vessel owner or op-
6 erator fails to reimburse the Fund under paragraph
7 (1) within 60 days after receiving a written, itemized
8 description of reimbursable expenses and a demand
9 for payment, the Secretary may—

10 “(A) proceed in rem against the vessel on
11 which the seafarer served in the Federal district
12 court for the district in which the vessel is
13 found; and

14 “(B) withhold or revoke the clearance re-
15 quired under section 60105 for the vessel and
16 any other vessel operated by the same operator
17 (as that term is defined in section 2(9)(a) of
18 the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (33
19 U.S.C. 1901(9)(a)) as the vessel on which the
20 seafarer served.

21 “(3) OBTAINING CLEARANCE.—A vessel may
22 obtain clearance from the Secretary after it is with-
23 held or revoked under paragraph (2)(B) if the vessel
24 owner or operator—

1 “(A) reimburses the Fund the amount re-
2 quired under paragraph (1); or

3 “(B) provides a bond, or other evidence of
4 financial responsibility, sufficient to meet the
5 amount required to be reimbursed under para-
6 graph (1).

7 “(4) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary
8 shall notify the vessel at least 72 hours before taking
9 any action under paragraph (2)(B).

10 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 “(1) ABANDONS; ABANDONED.—Each of the
12 terms ‘abandons’ and ‘abandoned’ means—

13 “(A) a vessel owner’s or operator’s unilat-
14 eral severance of ties with a seafarer; or

15 “(B) a vessel owner’s or operator’s failure
16 to provide necessary support of a seafarer.

17 “(2) FUND.—The term ‘Fund’ means the
18 Abandoned Seafarers Fund established under this
19 section.

20 “(3) NECESSARY SUPPORT.—The term ‘nec-
21 essary support’ means normal wages and expenses
22 the Secretary considers reasonable for lodging, sub-
23 sistence, clothing, medical care (including hos-
24 pitalization), repatriation, and any other support the
25 Secretary considers to be appropriate.

1 “(4) SEAFARER.—The term ‘seafarer’ means an
2 alien crew member who is employed or engaged in
3 any capacity on board a vessel subject to the juris-
4 diction of the United States.

5 “(5) VESSEL SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION
6 OF THE UNITED STATES.—The term ‘vessel subject
7 to the jurisdiction of the United States’ has the
8 meaning given that term in section 70502(c), except
9 that it does not include a vessel that is—

10 “(A) owned, or operated under a bareboat
11 charter, by the United States, a State or polit-
12 ical subdivision thereof, or a foreign nation; and

13 “(B) not engaged in commerce.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such
15 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following:

 “11113. Treatment of abandoned seafarers.”.

16 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 9 of the
17 Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (33 U.S.C. 1908) is
18 amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “(g) Any penalty collected under subsection (a) or (b)
20 that is not paid under that subsection to the person giving
21 information leading to the conviction or assessment of
22 such penalties shall be deposited in the Abandoned Sea-
23 farers Fund established under section 11113 of title 46,
24 United States Code.”.

1 **SEC. 321. ENFORCEMENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 55305(d) of title 46,
3 United States Code, is amended—

4 (1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
5 lows:

6 “(1) Each department or agency that has re-
7 sponsibility for a program under this section shall
8 administer that program consistent with this section
9 and any regulations and guidance issued by the Sec-
10 retary of Transportation concerning this section.”;

11 (2) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
12 graph (3), and by inserting after paragraph (1) the
13 following:

14 “(2)(A) The Secretary shall have exclusive au-
15 thority for determining the applicability of this sec-
16 tion to a program of a Federal department or agen-
17 cy.

18 “(B) The head of a Federal department or
19 agency shall request the Secretary to determine the
20 applicability of this section to a program of such de-
21 partment or agency if the department or agency is
22 uncertain of such applicability. Not later than 30
23 days after receiving such a request, the Secretary
24 shall make such determination.

25 “(C) Subparagraph (B) shall not be construed
26 to limit the authority of the Secretary to make a de-

1 termination regarding the applicability of this sec-
2 tion to a program administered by a Federal depart-
3 ment or agency.

4 “(D) A determination made by the Secretary
5 under this paragraph regarding a program shall re-
6 main in effect until the Secretary determines that
7 this section no longer applies to such program.”;

8 (3) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated, by
9 amending subparagraph (A) to read as follows:

10 “(A) shall conduct an annual review of the
11 administration of programs subject to the re-
12 quirements of this section to determine compli-
13 ance with the requirements of this section;”;
14 and

15 (4) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(4) On the date on which the President sub-
17 mits to Congress a budget pursuant to section 1105
18 of title 31, the Secretary shall make available on the
19 Internet website of the Department of Transpor-
20 tation a report that—

21 “(A) lists the programs that were subject
22 to determinations made by the Secretary under
23 paragraph (2) in the preceding year; and

24 “(B) describes the results of the most re-
25 cent annual review required by paragraph

1 (3)(A), including identification of the depart-
2 ments and agencies that transported cargo in
3 violation of this section and any action the Sec-
4 retary took under paragraph (3) with respect to
5 each violation.”.

6 (b) DEADLINE FOR FIRST REVIEW.—The Secretary
7 of Transportation shall complete the first review required
8 under the amendment made by subsection (a)(1)(C) by
9 not later than December 31, 2015.

10 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3511(c) of
11 the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act
12 for Fiscal Year 2009 (46 U.S.C. 55305 note) is repealed.

13 **SEC. 322. COAST GUARD REGULATIONS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
16 department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall
17 submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
18 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
19 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
20 resentatives an analysis of the Coast Guard’s proposed
21 promulgation of safety and environmental management
22 system requirements for vessels engaged in Outer Conti-
23 nental Shelf activities. The analysis shall include—

24 (1) a discussion of any new operational, man-
25 agement, design and construction, financial, and

1 other mandates that would be imposed on vessel
2 owners and operators;

3 (2) an estimate of all associated direct and indi-
4 rect operational, management, personnel, training,
5 vessel design and construction, record keeping, and
6 other costs;

7 (3) an identification and justification of any of
8 such proposed requirements that exceed those in
9 international conventions applicable to the design,
10 construction, operation, and management of vessels
11 engaging in United States Outer Continental Shelf
12 activities; and

13 (4) an identification of exemptions to the pro-
14 posed requirements, that are based upon vessel clas-
15 sification, tonnage, offshore activity or function, al-
16 ternative certifications, or any other appropriate cri-
17 teria.

18 (b) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not issue pro-
19 posed regulations relating to safety and environmental
20 management system requirements for vessels on the
21 United States Outer Continental Shelf for which noticed
22 was published on September 10, 2013 (78 Fed. Reg.
23 55230) earlier than 6 months after the submittal of the
24 analysis required by subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 323. WEBSITE.**

2 (a) REPORTS TO SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION;
3 INCIDENTS AND DETAILS.—Section 3507(g)(3)(A) of title
4 46, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in clause (ii) by striking “the incident to an
6 Internet based portal maintained by the Secretary”
7 and inserting “each incident specified in clause (i) to
8 the Internet website maintained by the Secretary of
9 Transportation under paragraph (4)(A)”;

10 (2) in clause (iii) by striking “based portal
11 maintained by the Secretary” and inserting “website
12 maintained by the Secretary of Transportation
13 under paragraph (4)(A)”.

14 (b) AVAILABILITY OF INCIDENT DATA ON INTER-
15 NET.—Section 3507(g)(4) of title 46, United States Code,
16 is amended—

17 (1) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting
18 the following:

19 “(A) WEBSITE.—

20 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of
21 Transportation shall maintain a statistical
22 compilation of all incidents on board a
23 cruise vessel specified in paragraph
24 (3)(A)(i) on an Internet website that pro-
25 vides a numerical accounting of the miss-
26 ing persons and alleged crimes reported

1 under that paragraph without regard to
2 the investigative status of the incident.

3 “(ii) UPDATES AND OTHER REQUIRE-
4 MENTS.—The compilation under clause (i)
5 shall—

6 “(I) be updated not less fre-
7 quently than quarterly;

8 “(II) be able to be sorted by
9 cruise line;

10 “(III) identify each cruise line by
11 name;

12 “(IV) identify each crime or al-
13 leged crime committed or allegedly
14 committed by a passenger or crew-
15 member; and

16 “(V) identify the number of indi-
17 viduals alleged overboard.

18 “(iii) USER-FRIENDLY FORMAT.—The
19 Secretary of Transportation shall ensure
20 that the compilation, data, and any other
21 information provided on the Internet
22 website maintained under this subpara-
23 graph are in a user-friendly format.”; and

24 (2) in subparagraph (B) by striking “Sec-
25 retary” and inserting “Secretary of Transportation”.

1 **TITLE IV—FEDERAL MARITIME**
2 **COMMISSION**

3 **SEC. 401. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Federal
5 Maritime Commission \$24,700,000 for fiscal year 2015.

6 **SEC. 402. AWARD OF REPARATIONS.**

7 Section 41305 of title 46, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “, plus reason-
10 able attorney fees”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(e) ATTORNEY FEES.—In any action brought under
13 section 41301, the prevailing party may be awarded rea-
14 sonable attorney fees.”.

15 **SEC. 403. TERMS OF COMMISSIONERS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 301(b) of title 46, United
17 States Code, is amended—

18 (1) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
19 lows:

20 “(2) TERMS.—The term of each Commissioner
21 is 5 years. When the term of a Commissioner ends,
22 the Commissioner may continue to serve until a suc-
23 cessor is appointed and qualified, but for a period
24 not to exceed one year. Except as provided in para-

1 graph (3), no individual may serve more than 2
2 terms.”; and

3 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
4 graph (5), and inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(3) VACANCIES.—A vacancy shall be filled in
7 the same manner as the original appointment. An
8 individual appointed to fill a vacancy is appointed
9 only for the unexpired term of the individual being
10 succeeded. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy
11 may serve 2 terms in addition to the remainder of
12 the term for which the predecessor of that individual
13 was appointed.

14 “(4) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.—

15 “(A) LIMITATION ON RELATIONSHIPS
16 WITH REGULATED ENTITIES.—A Commissioner
17 may not have a pecuniary interest in, hold an
18 official relation to, or own stocks or bonds of
19 any entity the Commission regulates under
20 chapter 401 of this title.

21 “(B) LIMITATION ON OTHER ACTIVI-
22 TIES.—A Commissioner may not engage in an-
23 other business, vocation, or employment.”.

24 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
25 section (a)(1) does not apply with respect to a Commis-

1 sioner of the Federal Maritime Commission appointed and
2 confirmed by the Senate before the date of the enactment
3 of this Act.

4 **TITLE V—ARCTIC MARITIME**
5 **TRANSPORTATION**

6 **SEC. 501. ARCTIC MARITIME TRANSPORTATION.**

7 (a) ARCTIC MARITIME TRANSPORTATION.—Chapter
8 5 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting
9 after section 89 the following:

10 **“§ 90. Arctic maritime transportation**

11 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to en-
12 sure safe and secure maritime shipping in the Arctic in-
13 cluding the availability of aids to navigation, vessel es-
14 corts, spill response capability, and maritime search and
15 rescue in the Arctic.

16 “(b) INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION
17 AGREEMENTS.—To carry out the purpose of this section,
18 the Secretary is encouraged to enter into negotiations
19 through the International Maritime Organization to con-
20 clude and execute agreements to promote coordinated ac-
21 tion among the United States, Russia, Canada, Iceland,
22 Norway, and Denmark and other seafaring and Arctic na-
23 tions to ensure, in the Arctic—

24 “(1) placement and maintenance of aids to
25 navigation;

1 “(2) appropriate marine safety, tug, and sal-
2 vage capabilities;

3 “(3) oil spill prevention and response capability;

4 “(4) maritime domain awareness, including
5 long-range vessel tracking; and

6 “(5) search and rescue.

7 “(c) COORDINATION BY COMMITTEE ON THE MARI-
8 TIME TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.—The Committee on the
9 Maritime Transportation System established under section
10 55501 of title 46, United States Code, shall coordinate
11 the establishment of domestic transportation policies in
12 the Arctic necessary to carry out the purpose of this sec-
13 tion.

14 “(d) AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS.—The Secretary
15 may, subject to the availability of appropriations, enter
16 into cooperative agreements, contracts, or other agree-
17 ments with, or make grants to, individuals and govern-
18 ments to carry out the purpose of this section or any
19 agreements established under subsection (b).

20 “(e) ICEBREAKING.—The Secretary shall promote
21 safe maritime navigation by means of icebreaking where
22 necessary, feasible, and effective to carry out the purposes
23 of this section.

24 “(f) ARCTIC DEFINITION.—In this section, the term
25 ‘Arctic’ has the meaning given such term in section 112

1 of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C.
2 4111).”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such
4 chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating
5 to section 89 the following:

“90. Arctic maritime transportation.”.

6 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 307 of the
7 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–
8 281; 14 U.S.C. 92 note) is repealed.

9 **SEC. 502. ARCTIC MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 14, United
11 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing:

13 **“§ 154. Arctic maritime domain awareness**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall improve
15 maritime domain awareness in the Arctic—

16 “(1) by promoting interagency cooperation and
17 coordination;

18 “(2) by employing joint, interagency, and inter-
19 national capabilities; and

20 “(3) by facilitating the sharing of information,
21 intelligence, and data related to the Arctic maritime
22 domain between the Coast Guard and departments
23 and agencies listed in subsection (b).

24 “(b) COORDINATION.—The Commandant shall seek
25 to coordinate the collection, sharing, and use of informa-

1 tion, intelligence, and data related to the Arctic maritime
2 domain between the Coast Guard and the following:

3 “(1) The Department of Homeland Security.

4 “(2) The Department of Defense.

5 “(3) The Department of Transportation.

6 “(4) The Department of State.

7 “(5) The Department of the Interior.

8 “(6) The National Aeronautics and Space Ad-
9 ministration.

10 “(7) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric
11 Administration.

12 “(8) The Environmental Protection Agency.

13 “(9) The National Science Foundation.

14 “(10) The Arctic Research Commission.

15 “(11) Any Federal agency or commission or
16 State the Commandant determines is appropriate.

17 “(c) COOPERATION.—The Commandant and the head
18 of a department or agency listed in subsection (b) may
19 by agreement, on a reimbursable basis or otherwise, share
20 personnel, services, equipment, and facilities to carry out
21 the requirements of this section.

22 “(d) 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN.—Not later than Jan-
23 uary 1, 2016 and every 5 years thereafter, the Com-
24 mandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce,
25 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-

1 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
2 of Representatives a 5-year strategic plan to guide inter-
3 agency and international intergovernmental cooperation
4 and coordination for the purpose of improving maritime
5 domain awareness in the Arctic

6 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section the term ‘Arctic’
7 has the meaning given that term in section 112 of the
8 Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C.
9 4111).”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such
11 chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating
12 to section 153 the following:

“154. Arctic maritime domain awareness.”.

13 **SEC. 503. IMO POLAR CODE NEGOTIATIONS.**

14 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
15 ment of this Act, and thereafter with the submission of
16 the budget proposal submitted for each of fiscal years
17 2016, 2017, and 2018 under section 1105 of title 31,
18 United States Code, the Secretary of the department in
19 which the Coast Guard is operating shall submit to the
20 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
21 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
22 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, a report
23 on—

24 (1) the status of the negotiations at the Inter-
25 national Maritime Organization regarding the estab-

1 lishment of a draft international code of safety for
2 ships operating in polar waters, popularly known as
3 the Polar Code, and any amendments proposed by
4 such a code to be made to the International Conven-
5 tion for the Safety of Life at Sea and the Inter-
6 national Convention for the Prevention of Pollution
7 from Ships;

8 (2) the coming into effect of such a code and
9 such amendments for nations that are parties to
10 those conventions;

11 (3) impacts, for coastal communities located in
12 the Arctic (as that term is defined in the section 112
13 of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15
14 U.S.C. 4111)) of such a code or such amendments,
15 on—

16 (A) the costs of delivering fuel and freight;

17 and

18 (B) the safety of maritime transportation;

19 and

20 (4) actions the Secretary must take to imple-
21 ment the requirements of such a code and such
22 amendments.

23 **SEC. 504. FORWARD OPERATING FACILITIES.**

24 The Secretary of the department in which the Coast
25 Guard is operating may construct facilities in the Arctic

1 (as that term is defined in section 112 of the Arctic Re-
2 search and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4111). The fa-
3 cilities shall—

4 (1) support aircraft maintenance, including ex-
5 haust ventilation, heat, an engine wash system, fuel,
6 ground support services, and electrical power;

7 (2) provide shelter for both current helicopter
8 assets and those projected to be located at Air Sta-
9 tion Kodiak, Alaska, for at least 20 years; and

10 (3) include accommodations for personnel.

11 **SEC. 505. ICEBREAKERS.**

12 (a) COAST GUARD POLAR ICEBREAKERS.—Section
13 222 of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act
14 of 2012 (Public Law 112–213; 126 Stat. 1560) is amend-
15 ed—

16 (1) in subsection (d)(2)—

17 (A) in the paragraph heading by striking
18 “; BRIDGING STRATEGY”; and

19 (B) by striking “Commandant of the Coast
20 Guard” and all that follows through the period
21 at the end and inserting “Commandant of the
22 Coast Guard may decommission the Polar
23 Sea.”;

24 (2) by adding at the end of subsection (d) the
25 following:

1 “(3) RESULT OF NO DETERMINATION.—If in
2 the analysis submitted under this section the Sec-
3 retary does not make a determination under sub-
4 section (a)(5) regarding whether it is cost effective
5 to reactivate the Polar Sea, then—

6 “(A) the Commandant of the Coast Guard
7 may decommission the Polar Sea; or

8 “(B) the Secretary may make such deter-
9 mination, not later than 90 days after the date
10 of the enactment of Howard Coble Coast Guard
11 and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014, and
12 take actions in accordance with this subsection
13 as though such determination was made in the
14 analysis previously submitted.”;

15 (3) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), and
16 (g) as subsections (f), (g), and (h), respectively; and

17 (4) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(e) STRATEGIES.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
21 after the date on which the analysis required under
22 subsection (a) is submitted, the Commandant of the
23 Coast Guard shall submit to the Committee on
24 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of

1 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
2 Science, and Transportation of the Senate—

3 “(A) unless the Secretary makes a deter-
4 mination under this section that it is cost effec-
5 tive to reactivate the Polar Sea, a bridging
6 strategy for maintaining the Coast Guard’s
7 polar icebreaking services until at least Sep-
8 tember 30, 2024;

9 “(B) a strategy to meet the Coast Guard’s
10 Arctic ice operations needs through September
11 30, 2050; and

12 “(C) a strategy to meet the Coast Guard’s
13 Antarctic ice operations needs through Sep-
14 tember 30, 2050.

15 “(2) REQUIREMENT.—The strategies required
16 under paragraph (1) shall include a business case
17 analysis comparing the leasing and purchasing of
18 icebreakers to maintain the needs and services de-
19 scribed in that paragraph.”.

20 (b) CUTTER “POLAR SEA”.—Upon the submission of
21 a service life extension plan in accordance with section
22 222(d)(1)(C) of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transpor-
23 tation Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–213; 126 Stat. 1560),
24 the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard
25 is operating may use funds authorized under section 101

1 of this Act to conduct a service life extension of 7 to 10
2 years for the Coast Guard Cutter Polar Sea (WAGB 11)
3 in accordance with such plan.

4 (c) LIMITATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the depart-
6 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating may not
7 expend amounts appropriated for the Coast Guard
8 for any of fiscal years 2015 through 2024, for—

9 (A) design activities related to a capability
10 of a Polar-Class Icebreaker that is based solely
11 on an operational requirement of another Fed-
12 eral department or agency, except for amounts
13 appropriated for design activities for a fiscal
14 year before fiscal year 2016; or

15 (B) long-lead-time materials, production,
16 or post-delivery activities related to such a ca-
17 pability.

18 (2) OTHER AMOUNTS.—Amounts made avail-
19 able to the Secretary under an agreement with an-
20 other Federal department or agency and expended
21 on a capability of a Polar-Class Icebreaker that is
22 based solely on an operational requirement of that or
23 another Federal department or agency shall not be
24 treated as amounts expended by the Secretary for

1 purposes of the limitation established under para-
2 graph (1).

3 **SEC. 506. ICEBREAKING IN POLAR REGIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 5 of title 14, United
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 86 the
6 following:

7 **“§ 87. Icebreaking in polar regions**

8 “The President shall facilitate planning for the de-
9 sign, procurement, maintenance, deployment, and oper-
10 ation of icebreakers as needed to support the statutory
11 missions of the Coast Guard in the polar regions by allo-
12 cating all funds to support icebreaking operations in such
13 regions, except for recurring incremental costs associated
14 with specific projects, to the Coast Guard.”.

15 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such
16 chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating
17 to section 86 the following:

“87. Icebreaking in polar regions.”.

18 **TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS**

19 **SEC. 601. DISTANT WATER TUNA FLEET.**

20 Section 421 of the Coast Guard and Maritime Trans-
21 portation Act of 2006 (46 U.S.C. 8103 note) is amend-
22 ed—

23 (1) by striking subsections (c) and (e); and

24 (2) by redesignating subsections (d) and (f) as
25 subsections (c) and (d), respectively.

1 **SEC. 602. EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM.**

2 Section 2(a) of Public Law 110–299 (33 U.S.C. 1342
3 note) is amended by striking “2014” and inserting
4 “2015”.

5 **SEC. 603. NATIONAL MARITIME STRATEGY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-
8 portation, in consultation with the Secretary of the depart-
9 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating, shall submit
10 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
11 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
12 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a
13 national maritime strategy.

14 (b) CONTENTS.—The strategy required under sub-
15 section (a) shall—

16 (1) identify—

17 (A) Federal regulations and policies that
18 reduce the competitiveness of United States flag
19 vessels in international transportation markets;
20 and

21 (B) the impact of reduced cargo flow due
22 to reductions in the number of members of the
23 United States Armed Forces stationed or de-
24 ployed outside of the United States; and

25 (2) include recommendations to—

1 (A) make United States flag vessels more
2 competitive in shipping routes between United
3 States and foreign ports;

4 (B) increase the use of United States flag
5 vessels to carry cargo imported to and exported
6 from the United States;

7 (C) ensure compliance by Federal agencies
8 with chapter 553 of title 46, United States
9 Code;

10 (D) increase the use of third-party inspec-
11 tion and certification authorities to inspect and
12 certify vessels;

13 (E) increase the use of short sea transpor-
14 tation routes, including routes designated under
15 section 55601(c) of title 46, United States
16 Code, to enhance intermodal freight movements;
17 and

18 (F) enhance United States shipbuilding ca-
19 pability.

20 **SEC. 604. WAIVERS.**

21 (a) “JOHN CRAIG”.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8902 of title 46,
23 United States Code, shall not apply to the vessel
24 John Craig (United States official number
25 D1110613) when such vessel is operating on the

1 portion of the Kentucky River, Kentucky, located at
2 approximately mile point 158, in Pool Number 9, be-
3 tween Lock and Dam Number 9 and Lock and Dam
4 Number 10.

5 (2) APPLICATION.—Paragraph (1) shall apply
6 on and after the date on which the Secretary of the
7 department in which the Coast Guard is operating
8 determines that a licensing requirement has been es-
9 tablished under Kentucky State law that applies to
10 an operator of the vessel John Craig.

11 (b) “F/V WESTERN CHALLENGER”.—Notwith-
12 standing section 12132 of title 46, United States Code,
13 the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard
14 is operating may issue a certificate of documentation with
15 a coastwise endorsement for the F/V Western Challenger
16 (IMO number 5388108).

17 **SEC. 605. COMPETITION BY UNITED STATES FLAG VESSELS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant of the Coast
19 Guard shall enter into an arrangement with the National
20 Academy of Sciences to conduct an assessment of authori-
21 ties under subtitle II of title 46, United States Code, that
22 have been delegated to the Coast Guard and that impact
23 the ability of vessels documented under the laws of the
24 United States to effectively compete in international trans-
25 portation markets.

1 (b) REVIEW OF DIFFERENCES WITH IMO STAND-
2 ARDS.—The assessment under subsection (a) shall include
3 a review of differences between United States laws, poli-
4 cies, regulations, and guidance governing the inspection
5 of vessels documented under the laws of the United States
6 and standards set by the International Maritime Organi-
7 zation governing the inspection of vessels.

8 (c) DEADLINE.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date on which the Commandant enters into an arrange-
10 ment with the National Academy of Sciences under sub-
11 section (a), the Commandant shall submit to the Com-
12 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
13 of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
14 Science, and Transportation of the Senate the assessment
15 required under such subsection.

16 **SEC. 606. VESSEL REQUIREMENTS FOR NOTICES OF AR-**
17 **RIVAL AND DEPARTURE AND AUTOMATIC**
18 **IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM.**

19 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
20 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which
21 the Coast Guard is operating shall notify the Committee
22 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
23 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
24 Science, and Transportation of the Senate of the status
25 of the final rule that relates to the notice of proposed rule-

1 making titled “Vessel Requirements for Notices of Arrival
2 and Departure, and Automatic Identification System” and
3 published in the Federal Register on December 16, 2008
4 (73 Fed. Reg. 76295).

5 **SEC. 607. CONVEYANCE OF COAST GUARD PROPERTY IN**
6 **ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.**

7 (a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Commandant
8 of the Coast Guard is authorized to convey, at fair market
9 value, all right, title, and interest of the United States in
10 and to a parcel of real property, consisting of approxi-
11 mately 0.2 acres, that is under the administrative control
12 of the Coast Guard and located at 527 River Street in
13 Rochester, New York.

14 (b) RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL.—The City of Roch-
15 ester, New York, shall have the right of first refusal with
16 respect to the purchase, at fair market value, of the real
17 property described in subsection (a).

18 (c) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal descrip-
19 tion of the property described in subsection (a) shall be
20 determined by a survey satisfactory to the Commandant.

21 (d) FAIR MARKET VALUE.—The fair market value
22 of the property described in subsection (a) shall—
23 (1) be determined by appraisal; and
24 (2) be subject to the approval of the Com-
25 mandant.

1 (e) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—The responsibility for
2 all reasonable and necessary costs, including real estate
3 transaction and environmental documentation costs, asso-
4 ciated with a conveyance under subsection (a) shall be de-
5 termined by the Commandant and the purchaser.

6 (f) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The
7 Commandant may require such additional terms and con-
8 ditions in connection with a conveyance under subsection
9 (a) as the Commandant considers appropriate and reason-
10 able to protect the interests of the United States.

11 (g) DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS.—Any proceeds from a
12 conveyance under subsection (a) shall be deposited in the
13 fund established under section 687 of title 14, United
14 States Code.

15 **SEC. 608. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN GIG**
16 **HARBOR, WASHINGTON.**

17 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
18 nitions apply:

19 (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of
20 Gig Harbor, Washington.

21 (2) PROPERTY.—The term “Property” means
22 the parcel of real property, together with any im-
23 provements thereon, consisting of approximately
24 0.86 acres of fast lands commonly identified as tract
25 65 of lot 1 of section 8, township 21 north, range

1 2 east, Willamette Meridian, on the north side of the
2 entrance of Gig Harbor, narrows of Puget Sound,
3 Washington.

4 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of the Interior.

6 (b) CONVEYANCE.—

7 (1) AUTHORITY TO CONVEY.—Not later than
8 30 days after the date on which the Secretary of the
9 department in which the Coast Guard is operating
10 relinquishes the reservation of the Property for light-
11 house purposes, at the request of the City and sub-
12 ject to the requirements of this section, the Sec-
13 retary shall convey to the City all right, title, and in-
14 terest of the United States in and to the Property,
15 notwithstanding the land use planning requirements
16 of sections 202 and 203 of the Federal Land Policy
17 and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712,
18 1713).

19 (2) TERMS OF CONVEYANCE.—A conveyance
20 made under paragraph (1) shall be made—

21 (A) subject to valid existing rights;

22 (B) at the fair market value as described
23 in subsection (c); and

1 (C) subject to any other condition that the
2 Secretary may consider appropriate to protect
3 the interests of the United States.

4 (3) COSTS.—The City shall pay any transaction
5 or administrative costs associated with a conveyance
6 under paragraph (1), including the costs of the ap-
7 praisal, title searches, maps, and boundary and ca-
8 dastral surveys.

9 (4) CONVEYANCE IS NOT A MAJOR FEDERAL
10 ACTION.—A conveyance under paragraph (1) shall
11 not be considered a major Federal action for pur-
12 poses of section 102(2) of the National Environ-
13 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)).

14 (c) FAIR MARKET VALUE.—

15 (1) DETERMINATION.—The fair market value
16 of the Property shall be—

17 (A) determined by an appraisal conducted
18 by an independent appraiser selected by the
19 Secretary; and

20 (B) approved by the Secretary in accord-
21 ance with paragraph (3).

22 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—An appraisal conducted
23 under paragraph (1) shall—

1 (A) be conducted in accordance with na-
2 tionally recognized appraisal standards, includ-
3 ing—

4 (i) the Uniform Appraisal Standards
5 for Federal Land Acquisitions; and

6 (ii) the Uniform Standards of Profes-
7 sional Appraisal Practice; and

8 (B) shall reflect the equitable consider-
9 ations described in paragraph (3).

10 (3) **EQUITABLE CONSIDERATIONS.**—In approv-
11 ing the fair market value of the Property under this
12 subsection, the Secretary shall take into consider-
13 ation matters of equity and fairness, including the
14 City’s past and current lease of the Property, any
15 maintenance or improvements by the City to the
16 Property, and such other factors as the Secretary
17 considers appropriate.

18 (d) **REVOCATION; REVERSION.**—Effective on and
19 after the date on which a conveyance of the Property is
20 made under subsection (b)(1)—

21 (1) Executive Order 3528, dated August 9,
22 1921, is revoked; and

23 (2) the use of the tide and shore lands belong-
24 ing to the State of Washington and adjoining and
25 bordering the Property, that were granted to the

1 Government of the United States pursuant to the
2 Act of the Legislature, State of Washington, ap-
3 proved March 13, 1909, the same being chapter 110
4 of the Session Laws of 1909, shall revert to the
5 State of Washington.

6 **SEC. 609. VESSEL DETERMINATION.**

7 The vessel assigned United States official number
8 1205366 is deemed a new vessel effective on the date of
9 delivery of the vessel after January 1, 2012, from a pri-
10 vately owned United States shipyard, if no encumbrances
11 are on record with the Coast Guard at the time of the
12 issuance of the new certificate of documentation for the
13 vessel.

14 **SEC. 610. SAFE VESSEL OPERATION IN THUNDER BAY.**

15 The Secretary of the department in which the Coast
16 Guard is operating and the Administrator of the Environ-
17 mental Protection Agency may not prohibit a vessel oper-
18 ating within the existing boundaries and any future ex-
19 panded boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine
20 Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve from taking up or
21 discharging ballast water to allow for safe and efficient
22 vessel operation if the uptake or discharge meets all Fed-
23 eral and State ballast water management requirements
24 that would apply if the area were not a marine sanctuary.

1 **SEC. 611. PARKING FACILITIES.**

2 (a) ALLOCATION AND ASSIGNMENT.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the requirements
4 of this section, the Administrator of General Serv-
5 ices, in coordination with the Commandant of the
6 Coast Guard, shall allocate and assign the spaces in
7 parking facilities at the Department of Homeland
8 Security St. Elizabeths Campus to allow any mem-
9 ber or employee of the Coast Guard, who is assigned
10 to the Campus, to use such spaces.

11 (2) TIMING.—In carrying out paragraph (1),
12 and in addition to the parking spaces allocated and
13 assigned to Coast Guard members and employees in
14 fiscal year 2014, the Administrator shall allocate
15 and assign not less than—

16 (A) 300 parking spaces not later than Sep-
17 tember 30, 2015;

18 (B) 700 parking spaces not later than Sep-
19 tember 30, 2016; and

20 (C) 1,042 parking spaces not later than
21 September 30, 2017.

22 (b) TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT REPORT.—Not
23 later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this
24 Act, and each fiscal year thereafter in which spaces are
25 allocated and assigned under subsection (a)(2), the Ad-
26 ministrator shall provide to the Committee on Commerce,

1 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-
2 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
3 of Representatives a report on—

4 (1) the impact of assigning and allocating park-
5 ing spaces under subsection (a) on the congestion of
6 roads connecting the St. Elizabeths Campus to the
7 portions of Suitland Parkway and I-295 located in
8 the Anacostia section of the District of Columbia;
9 and

10 (2) progress made toward completion of essen-
11 tial transportation improvements identified in the
12 Transportation Management Program for the St.
13 Elizabeths Campus.

14 (c) REALLOCATION.—Notwithstanding subsection
15 (a), the Administrator may revise the allocation and as-
16 signment of spaces to members and employees of the
17 Coast Guard made under subsection (a) as necessary to
18 accommodate employees of the Department of Homeland
19 Security, other than the Coast Guard, when such employ-
20 ees are assigned to the St. Elizabeths Campus.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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