

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6258

To amend title 14, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to enter into certain contracts for the acquisition of vessels for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Mr. HUNTER (for himself and Mr. GARAMENDI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Coast Guard Acquisi-
5 tion Improvement Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 15 of
3 title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
4 end the following:

5 **“§ 578. Contracting authority**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter into
7 contracts described in subsection (b) for the acquisition
8 for the Coast Guard of no less than—

9 “(1) three heavy polar icebreakers;

10 “(2) three medium polar icebreakers;

11 “(3) four Offshore Patrol Cutters; and

12 “(4) five Fast Response Cutters.

13 “(b) AUTHORIZED METHODS.—Contracts referred to
14 in subsection (a) are the following:

15 “(1) Block buys.

16 “(2) Leases.

17 “(3) Combined purchases, also known as eco-
18 nomic order quantity purchases, of—

19 “(A) materials and components; and

20 “(B) long lead time materials.

21 “(4) Advance construction funding.

22 “(5) Multiyear contracts entered into in accord-
23 ance with section 2306b of title 10.”.

24 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 223 of the
25 Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation
26 Act of 2014 (14 U.S.C. 577 note) is repealed.

1 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis at the be-
2 ginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end
3 of the items relating to such subchapter the following:

“578. Contracting authority.”.

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