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# H. R. 7658

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2024

Mr. GOLDEN of Maine (for himself, Mr. EZELL, Ms. PEREZ, Mr. VAN DREW, Mrs. PELTOLA, and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

To authorize safety and prevention training programs for fishing vessel operators and crewmembers, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fishing Industry Safe-  
5 ty, Health, and Wellness Improvement Act of 2024” or  
6 the “FISH Wellness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SAFETY STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN FISHING VES-**  
2 **SELS.**

3 Section 4502 of title 46, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (i)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1)—

7 (i) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by strik-  
8 ing “and” after the semicolon;

9 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph  
10 (B) as subparagraph (C); and

11 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph  
12 (A) the following:

13 “(B) to conduct safety and prevention training  
14 that addresses behavioral and physical health risks,  
15 to include mental health, substance use disorder,  
16 and worker fatigue, facing fishing vessel operators  
17 and crewmembers; and”;

18 (B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as  
19 follows:

20 “(2) The Secretary of Health and Human Services  
21 shall award grants under this subsection—

22 “(A) on a competitive basis; and

23 “(B) based on criteria developed in consultation  
24 with the Commandant of the Coast Guard.”;

25 (C) by striking paragraph (3);

1 (D) by redesignating paragraph (4) as  
2 paragraph (3); and

3 (E) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated  
4 by subparagraph (D), by striking “\$3,000,000  
5 for fiscal year 2023” and inserting “to the Sec-  
6 retary of Health and Human Services  
7 \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 and  
8 2025”; and

9 (2) in subsection (j)—

10 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and se-  
11 vere weather detection” and inserting “severe  
12 weather detection, and understanding and miti-  
13 gating behavioral and physical health risks, to  
14 include mental health, substance use disorder,  
15 and worker fatigue, facing members of the com-  
16 mercial fishing industry”;

17 (B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as  
18 follows:

19 “(2) The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
20 ices shall award grants under this subsection—

21 “(A) on a competitive basis; and

22 “(B) based on criteria developed in con-  
23 sultation with the Commandant of the Coast  
24 Guard.”;

25 (C) by striking paragraph (3);

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2 paragraph (3); and

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4 subparagraph (C), by striking “\$3,000,000 for  
5 fiscal year 2023” and inserting “to the Sec-  
6 retary of Health and Human Services  
7 \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 and  
8 2025”.

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