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H. R. 7702

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to Congress on vessel fires and responses, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MENENDEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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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. GAO REPORT ON VESSEL FIRES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
6 of the United States shall submit to the Committee on
7 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,
9 and Transportation of the Senate a report on the state
10 of marine firefighting authorities, jurisdiction, plan re-

1 view, and other considerations with respect to vessel fires
2 at waterfront facilities and within the navigable waters of
3 the United States up to 3 nautical miles from the shore-
4 line.

5 (b) CONTENTS.—In carrying out subsection (a), the
6 Comptroller General shall—

7 (1) examine factors that affect Federal and
8 non-Federal collaboration aimed at reducing vessel
9 and waterfront facility fire risk to local communities;

10 (2) focus on the prevalence and frequency of
11 vessel fires described in subsection (a); and

12 (3) make recommendations for preparedness,
13 responses to, training for, and other items for con-
14 sideration.

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