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by the Coast Guard.

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri (for himself, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, and Mr. CARBAJAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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A BILL

To authorize and amend authorities, programs, and statutes
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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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) *SHORT TITLE.*—*This Act may be cited as the*
 5 *“Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2024”.*

6 (b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—*The table of contents for*
 7 *this Act is as follows:*

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Commandant defined.

TITLE I—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 102. Shoreside infrastructure and facilities and information technology.

Sec. 103. Availability of amounts for acquisition of additional vessels and air-
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Sec. 201. Prohibition on use of lead systems integrators.

Sec. 202. Minor construction increase.

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Virgin Islands.

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dictions.

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ment.

Sec. 210. Authorization of certain support for Coast Guard Academy foundations.

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Sec. 215. Delegation of ports and waterways safety authorities in St. Lawrence
seaway.

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- Sec. 222. Temporary exemption from authorized end strength for Coast Guard enlisted members on active duty.*
- Sec. 223. Additional available guidance and considerations for reserve selection boards.*
- Sec. 224. Parental leave parity for members of certain reserve components of Coast Guard.*
- Sec. 225. Authorization for maternity uniform allowance for officers.*
- Sec. 226. Report on GAO recommendations on housing program.*

TITLE III—SHIPPING AND NAVIGATION

Subtitle A—Vessel Operations

- Sec. 301. Definitions.*
- Sec. 302. Notification.*
- Sec. 303. Publication of fines and penalties.*

Subtitle B—Merchant Mariner Credentialing

- Sec. 311. Revising merchant mariner deck training requirements.*
- Sec. 312. Amendments.*
- Sec. 313. Renewal of merchant mariner licenses and documents.*
- Sec. 314. Merchant seamen licenses, certificates, and documents; manning of vessels.*

Subtitle C—Vessel Safety

- Sec. 321. Grossly negligent operations of a vessel.*
- Sec. 322. Administrative procedure for security risks.*
- Sec. 323. Requirements for DUKW amphibious passenger vessels.*
- Sec. 324. Risk based examination of tank vessels.*
- Sec. 325. Ports and waterways safety.*
- Sec. 326. Study on Bering Strait vessel traffic projections and emergency response posture at the port of Point Spencer, Alaska.*
- Sec. 327. Underwater inspections brief.*
- Sec. 328. St. Lucie River railroad bridge.*
- Sec. 329. Rulemaking regarding port access routes.*
- Sec. 330. Articulated tug-barge manning.*

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- Sec. 341. Anchor handling activities.*
- Sec. 342. Establishment of National Advisory Committee on Autonomous Maritime Systems.*
- Sec. 343. Controlled substance onboard vessels.*
- Sec. 344. Nonoperating individual.*
- Sec. 345. Information on type approval certificates.*
- Sec. 346. Manning and crewing requirements for certain vessels, vehicles, and structures.*
- Sec. 347. Classification societies.*
- Sec. 348. Authority to establish safety zones for special activities in exclusive economic zone.*
- Sec. 349. Fishing vessel and fisherman training safety.*
- Sec. 350. Authority over Deepwater Port Act of 1974.*
- Sec. 351. National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee composition.*
- Sec. 352. Improving Vessel Traffic Service monitoring.*
- Sec. 353. Abandoned and derelict vessel removals.*

Sec. 354. *Near shore cable laying barge.*

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Sec. 401. *Vessel response plans.*

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Sec. 507. *Direct hire authority for certain personnel of Coast Guard.*

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Sec. 512. *Convicted sex offender as grounds for denial.*

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TITLE VI—AMENDMENTS

Sec. 601. *Amendments.*

1 **SEC. 2. COMMANDANT DEFINED.**

2 *In this Act, the term “Commandant” means the Com-*
3 *mandant of the Coast Guard.*

4 **TITLE I—AUTHORIZATION OF** 5 **APPROPRIATIONS**

6 **SEC. 101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 *Section 4902 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-*
8 *ed—*

9 *(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by*
10 *striking “fiscal years 2022 and 2023” and inserting*
11 *“fiscal years 2025 and 2026”;*

1 (2) *in paragraph (1)—*

2 (A) *in subparagraph (A) by striking clauses*

3 (i) *and (ii) and inserting the following:*

4 “(i) \$11,287,500,000 for fiscal year 2025;

5 and

6 “(ii) \$11,851,875,000 for fiscal year 2026.”;

7 (B) *in subparagraph (B) by striking*

8 “\$23,456,000” *and inserting “\$25,570,000”; and*

9 (C) *in subparagraph (C) by striking*

10 “\$24,353,000” *and inserting “\$26,848,500”;*

11 (3) *in paragraph (2)(A) by striking clauses (i)*

12 and (ii) *and inserting the following:*

13 “(i) \$3,477,600,000 for fiscal year 2025;

14 and

15 “(ii) \$3,651,480,000 for fiscal year 2026.”;

16 (4) *in paragraph (3) by striking subparagraphs*

17 (A) and (B) *and inserting the following:*

18 “(A) \$15,415,000 for fiscal year 2025; and

19 “(B) \$16,185,750 for fiscal year 2026.”; and

20 (5) *by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the*

21 *following:*

22 “(4) *For retired pay, including the payment of*

23 *obligations otherwise chargeable to lapsed appropria-*

24 *tions for purposes of retired pay, payments under the*

25 *Retired Serviceman’s Family Protection Plan and the*

1 *Survivor Benefit Plan, payment for career status bo-*
2 *nuses, payment of continuation pay under section*
3 *356 of title 37, concurrent receipts, combat-related*
4 *special compensation, and payments for medical care*
5 *of retired personnel and their dependents under chap-*
6 *ter 55 of title 10, \$1,210,840,000 for fiscal year*
7 *2025.”.*

8 **SEC. 102. SHORESIDE INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES**
9 **AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.**

10 *(a) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.—Of the amounts au-*
11 *thorized to be appropriated under section 4902(2)(A) of title*
12 *14, United States Code—*

13 *(1) for fiscal year 2025, \$36,300,000 is author-*
14 *ized to modernize the Coast Guard’s information tech-*
15 *nology systems, of which \$11,000,000 is authorized to*
16 *fund the acquisition, development, and implementa-*
17 *tion of a new credentialing system for the Merchant*
18 *Mariner credentialing program; and*

19 *(2) for fiscal year 2026, \$36,300,000 is author-*
20 *ized to modernize the Coast Guard’s information tech-*
21 *nology systems.*

22 *(b) SHORESIDE INFRASTRUCTURE.—Of the amounts*
23 *authorized to be appropriated under section 4902(2)(A) of*
24 *title 14, United States Code—*

1 (1) *for fiscal year 2025, \$500,000,000 is author-*
2 *ized to fund maintenance, construction, and repairs*
3 *for Coast Guard shoreside infrastructure, of which—*

4 (A) *\$225,000,000 is authorized for the pur-*
5 *poses of improvements to facilities at the United*
6 *States Coast Guard Training Center Cape May*
7 *in Cape May, New Jersey;*

8 (B) *\$10,000,000 is authorized to fund the*
9 *creation of an infrastructure development plan*
10 *for the Coast Guard Academy in New London,*
11 *Connecticut;*

12 (C) *\$50,000,000 is authorized to complete*
13 *repairs and improvements of Chase Hall at the*
14 *Coast Guard Academy in New London, Con-*
15 *necticut, including remediation of asbestos, lead,*
16 *and mold and upgrading the electric outlet*
17 *availability and storage space in student rooms,*
18 *and making changes to house not more than 2*
19 *Officer Candidates in a room;*

20 (D) *\$70,000,000 is authorized for the pur-*
21 *poses of planning, designing, and building a*
22 *floating drydock at the United States Coast*
23 *Guard Yard in Baltimore, Maryland;*

24 (E) *\$40,000,000 is authorized for the pur-*
25 *poses of planning, designing, and building a*

1 *hangar to house, at a minimum, 2 HC-130J*
2 *Super Hercules aircraft at Air Station Barbers*
3 *Point in Kapolei, Hawaii; and*

4 *(F) \$90,000,000 is authorized to fund wa-*
5 *terfront improvements of Coast Guard Base Se-*
6 *attle; and*

7 *(2) for fiscal year 2026, \$600,000,000 is author-*
8 *ized to fund maintenance, construction, and repairs*
9 *for Coast Guard shoreside infrastructure, of which—*

10 *(A) \$125,000,000 is authorized for the pur-*
11 *poses of improvements to facilities at the United*
12 *States Coast Guard Training Center Cape May*
13 *in Cape May, New Jersey;*

14 *(B) \$100,000,000 is authorized to execute*
15 *the infrastructure development plan for the Coast*
16 *Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut de-*
17 *veloped in paragraph (1)(C);*

18 *(C) \$100,000,000 is authorized for the pur-*
19 *poses of planning, designing, and building a*
20 *floating drydock at the United States Coast*
21 *Guard Yard in Baltimore, Maryland;*

22 *(D) \$40,000,000 is authorized for the pur-*
23 *poses of planning, designing, and building a*
24 *hangar to house at a minimum 2 HC-130J*

1 *Super Hercules aircraft at Air Station Barbers*
2 *Point in Kapolei, Hawaii; and*

3 *(E) \$90,000,000 is authorized to fund wa-*
4 *terfront improvements of Coast Guard Base Se-*
5 *attle.*

6 **SEC. 103. AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS FOR ACQUISITION OF**
7 **ADDITIONAL VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT.**

8 *(a) FISCAL YEAR 2025.—Of the amounts authorized*
9 *to be appropriated under section 4902(2)(A) of title 14,*
10 *United States Code, for fiscal year 2025—*

11 *(1) \$138,500,000 is authorized for the acquisi-*
12 *tion or procurement of 1 missionized HC-130J Super*
13 *Hercules aircraft; and*

14 *(2) \$36,000,000 is authorized for the service life*
15 *extension program and any necessary upgrades of the*
16 *47-foot Motor Life Boat.*

17 *(b) FISCAL YEAR 2026.—Of the amounts authorized*
18 *to be appropriated under section 4902(2)(A) of title 14,*
19 *United States Code, for fiscal year 2026—*

20 *(1) \$1,200,000,000 is authorized for the acquisi-*
21 *tion of a Polar Security Cutter;*

22 *(2) \$1,100,000,000 is authorized for the acquisi-*
23 *tion of 2 Offshore Patrol Cutters;*

1 *mandant’s Directed Actions-Accountability and Trans-*
2 *parency”, dated November 27, 2023.*

3 **SEC. 105. AUTHORIZED LEVELS OF MILITARY STRENGTH**
4 **AND TRAINING.**

5 *Section 4904 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-*
6 *ed—*

7 *(1) in subsection (a) by striking “fiscal years*
8 *2022 and 2023” and inserting “fiscal years 2025 and*
9 *2026”; and*

10 *(2) in subsection (b) by striking “fiscal years*
11 *2022 and 2023” and inserting “fiscal years 2025 and*
12 *2026”.*

13 **TITLE II—COAST GUARD**
14 **Subtitle A—Organization and**
15 **Authorities**

16 **SEC. 201. PROHIBITION ON USE OF LEAD SYSTEMS INTE-**
17 **GRATORS.**

18 *Section 1105 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-*
19 *ed by adding at the end the following:*

20 *“(c) LEAD SYSTEMS INTEGRATOR DEFINED.—In this*
21 *section, the term ‘lead systems integrator’ has the meaning*
22 *given such term in section 805(c) of the National Defense*
23 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109–*
24 *163).”.*

1 **SEC. 202. MINOR CONSTRUCTION INCREASE.**

2 *Section 903(d)(1) of title 14, United States Code, is*
3 *amended by striking “\$1,500,000” and inserting*
4 *“\$2,000,000”.*

5 **SEC. 203. TSUNAMI EVACUATION PLANS.**

6 *(a) TSUNAMI EVACUATION PLANS.—*

7 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after*
8 *the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant,*
9 *in consultation with the Administrator of the Na-*
10 *tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and*
11 *the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Manage-*
12 *ment Agency, shall establish location specific tsunami*
13 *evacuation plans for each unit and sector of the Coast*
14 *Guard that has facilities, personnel, or assets located*
15 *within areas—*

16 *(A) designated by the Administrator of the*
17 *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-*
18 *tion as high risk or very high risk of a United*
19 *States tsunami hazard; and*

20 *(B) that are located inside a tsunami inun-*
21 *dation zone.*

22 *(2) EVACUATION PLANS.—In establishing the*
23 *evacuation plans under paragraph (1), the Com-*
24 *mandant shall ensure that such plans—*

1 (A) are included in the emergency action
2 plans for each unit or sector located inside of a
3 tsunami inundation zone;

4 (B) designate an evacuation route to an as-
5 sembly area located outside of a tsunami inun-
6 dation zone;

7 (C) include a map or diagram of all tsu-
8 nami inundation zone evacuation routes;

9 (D) include evacuation routes for all Coast
10 Guard personnel and dependents of such per-
11 sonnel living in Coast Guard housing;

12 (E) are feasible for all servicemembers and
13 dependents of such servicemembers present on
14 Coast Guard property or living in Coast Guard
15 provided housing;

16 (F) include procedures to begin evacuations
17 once a major seismic event is detected;

18 (G) include evacuation plans for air and
19 water assets that do not impinge on the safety of
20 human life;

21 (H) are able to be completely executed with-
22 in 15 minutes of detection of a seismic event or,
23 if not possible within 15 minutes, within a rea-
24 sonable timeframe;

1 (I) are able to be completely executed by
2 servicemembers on foot from any location within
3 the tsunami inundation zone;

4 (J) are exercised biennially by each unit
5 and sector located in a tsunami inundation zone;
6 and

7 (K) are evaluated by leadership at each unit
8 and sector located in a tsunami inundation zone
9 annually.

10 (3) CONSULTATION.—In establishing the evacu-
11 ation plans under paragraph (1), the Commandant
12 shall consult local governments.

13 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
14 of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to
15 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
16 House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
17 Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and provide a
18 briefing to each such Committee on, a report on—

19 (1) the status of the implementation and feasi-
20 bility of the plans established under subsection (a)(1);

21 (2) a risk evaluation and vulnerability assess-
22 ment of the infrastructure and assets located within
23 tsunami inundation zones;

24 (3) the need for vertical evacuation structures for
25 units and sectors in which an evacuation of a tsu-

1 *nami inundation zone cannot be completed on foot*
2 *within 15 minutes of the detection of a seismic event;*
3 *and*

4 (4) *whether the plans established under sub-*
5 *section (a)(1) achieve the purpose to protect human*
6 *life and ensure the ability for the Coast Guard to pro-*
7 *vide search and rescue operations following a tsunami*
8 *event in the area.*

9 (c) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

10 (1) *SEISMIC EVENT.—The term “seismic event”*
11 *means an earthquake, volcanic eruption, submarine*
12 *landslide, coastal rockfall, or other event with the*
13 *magnitude to cause a tsunami.*

14 (2) *TSUNAMI INUNDATION ZONE.—The term*
15 *“tsunami inundation zone” means an area of inland*
16 *flooding modeled, predicted, or forecasted as a poten-*
17 *tial result of a tsunami or seismic event.*

18 (3) *VERTICAL EVACUATION STRUCTURE.—The*
19 *term “vertical evacuation structure” means an ele-*
20 *vated structure above the tsunami inundation zone*
21 *designated as a place of refuge from flood waters.*

22 **SEC. 204. SERVICE LIFE EXTENSION PROGRAMS.**

23 (a) *IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 11 of title*
24 *14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end*
25 *the following:*

1 **“§ 1138. Service life extension programs**

2 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Requirements for a Level 1 or
3 Level 2 acquisition project or program under sections 1131
4 through 1134 shall not apply to an acquisition by the Coast
5 Guard that is a service life extension program.

6 “(b) *SERVICE LIFE EXTENSION PROGRAM DEFINED.*—
7 In this section, the term ‘service life extension program’
8 means a capital investment that is solely intended to extend
9 the service life and address obsolescence of components or
10 systems of a particular capability or asset.”.

11 (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—The analysis for chapter
12 11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting
13 after the item relating to section 1137 the following:

“1138. Service life extension programs.”.

14 **SEC. 205. MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS IN COAST GUARD**
15 **SECTOR FOR PUERTO RICO AND VIRGIN IS-**
16 **LANDS.**

17 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
18 of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee
19 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
20 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
21 Transportation of the Senate a report containing—

22 (1) an overview of the maritime domain aware-
23 ness in the area of responsibility of the Coast Guard
24 sector responsible for Puerto Rico and the United
25 States Virgin Islands, including—

1 (A) the average volume of known maritime
2 traffic that transited the area during fiscal years
3 2020 through 2023;

4 (B) current sensor platforms deployed by
5 such sector to monitor illicit activity occurring
6 at sea in such area;

7 (C) the number of illicit activity incidents
8 at sea in such area that the sector responded to
9 during fiscal years 2020 through 2023;

10 (D) an estimate of the volume of traffic en-
11 gaged in illicit activity at sea in such area and
12 the type and description of any vessels used to
13 carry out illicit activities that such sector re-
14 sponded to during fiscal years 2020 through
15 2023; and

16 (E) the maritime domain awareness re-
17 quirements to effectively meet the mission of such
18 sector;

19 (2) a description of current actions taken by the
20 Coast Guard to partner with Federal, regional, State,
21 and local entities to meet the maritime domain
22 awareness needs of such area;

23 (3) a description of any gaps in maritime do-
24 main awareness within the area of responsibility of
25 such sector resulting from an inability to meet the en-

1 *during maritime domain awareness requirements of*
2 *the sector or adequately respond to maritime disorder,*
3 *including illicit drug and migrant activity;*

4 *(4) an identification of current technology and*
5 *assets the Coast Guard has to mitigate the gaps iden-*
6 *tified in paragraph (3);*

7 *(5) an identification of capabilities needed to*
8 *mitigate such gaps, including any capabilities the*
9 *Coast Guard currently possesses that can be deployed*
10 *to the sector;*

11 *(6) an identification of technology and assets the*
12 *Coast Guard does not currently possess and are need-*
13 *ed to acquire in order to address such gaps; and*

14 *(7) an identification of any financial obstacles*
15 *that prevent the Coast Guard from deploying existing*
16 *commercially available sensor technology to address*
17 *such gaps.*

18 **SEC. 206. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION ON**
19 **MONTHLY DRUG AND MIGRANT INTERDIC-**
20 **TIONS.**

21 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 11269 of the Don Young*
22 *Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–*
23 *263) is—*

1 (1) transferred to appear at the end of sub-
2 chapter II of chapter 5 of title 14, United States
3 Code;

4 (2) redesignated as section 529; and

5 (3) amended—

6 (A) by striking the section enumerator and
7 heading and inserting the following:

8 **“§ 529. Public availability of information on monthly**
9 **drug and migrant interdictions”;**

10 (B) by striking “Not later than” and insert-
11 ing the following:

12 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than”;

13 (C) by inserting “drug and” before “mi-
14 grant interdictions”; and

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

16 “(b) *CONTENTS.*—In making information about inter-
17 dictions publicly available under subsection (a), the Com-
18 mandant shall include a description of the following:

19 “(1) The number of incidents in which drugs
20 were interdicted, the amount and type of drugs inter-
21 dicted, and the Coast Guard sectors and geographic
22 areas of responsibility in which such incidents oc-
23 curred.

24 “(2) The number of incidents in which migrants
25 were interdicted, the number of migrants interdicted,

1 *and the Coast Guard sectors and geographic areas of*
2 *responsibility in which such incidents occurred.”.*

3 *(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—*

4 *(1) The analysis for chapter 5 of title 14, United*
5 *States Code, is amended by inserting after the item*
6 *relating to section 528 the following:*

“529. Public availability of information on monthly drug and migrant interdic-
 tions.”.

7 *(2) The table of sections in section 11001(b) of*
8 *the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of*
9 *2022 (division K of Public Law 117–263) is amended*
10 *by striking the item relating to section 11269.*

11 **SEC. 207. REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF UNMANNED SYS-**
12 **TEMS CAPABILITIES OFFICE.**

13 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date*
14 *of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to*
15 *the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the*
16 *House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,*
17 *Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report that out-*
18 *lines a plan for establishing an unmanned systems capa-*
19 *bilities office within the Coast Guard responsible for the ac-*
20 *quisition and development of unmanned system and*
21 *counter-unmanned system technologies and to expand the*
22 *capabilities of the Coast Guard with respect to such tech-*
23 *nologies.*

1 (b) *CONTENTS.*—*The report required under subsection*
2 *(a) shall include the following:*

3 (1) *A management strategy for the acquisition,*
4 *development, and deployment of unmanned system*
5 *and counter-unmanned system technologies.*

6 (2) *A service-wide coordination strategy to syn-*
7 *chronize and integrate efforts across the Coast Guard*
8 *in order to—*

9 (A) *support the primary duties of the Coast*
10 *Guard pursuant to section 102 of title 14,*
11 *United States Code; and*

12 (B) *pursue expanded research, development,*
13 *testing, and evaluation opportunities and fund-*
14 *ing to expand and accelerate identification and*
15 *transition of unmanned system and counter-un-*
16 *manned system technologies.*

17 (3) *The identification of contracting and acqui-*
18 *sition authorities needed to expedite the development*
19 *and deployment of unmanned system and counter-un-*
20 *manned system technologies.*

21 (4) *A detailed list of commercially available un-*
22 *manned system and counter-unmanned system tech-*
23 *nologies with capabilities determined to be useful for*
24 *the Coast Guard.*

1 (5) *A cross-agency collaboration plan to engage*
2 *with the Department of Homeland Security, the De-*
3 *partment of Defense, and other relevant agencies to*
4 *identify common requirements and opportunities to*
5 *partner in acquiring, contracting, and sustaining un-*
6 *manned system and counter-unmanned system capa-*
7 *bilities.*

8 (6) *Opportunities to obtain and share unmanned*
9 *system data from government and commercial sources*
10 *to improve maritime domain awareness.*

11 (7) *The development of a concept of operations*
12 *for a data ecosystem that supports and integrates un-*
13 *manned system and counter-unmanned system tech-*
14 *nologies with key enablers, including enterprise com-*
15 *munications networks, data storage and management,*
16 *artificial intelligence and machine learning tools, and*
17 *information sharing and dissemination capabilities.*

18 (c) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

19 (1) *COUNTER-UNMANNED SYSTEM.—The term*
20 *“counter-unmanned system” means a system or device*
21 *capable of lawfully and safely disabling, disrupting,*
22 *or seizing control of an unmanned system, including*
23 *a counter-UAS system (as such term is defined in sec-*
24 *tion 44801 of title 49, United States Code).*

1 (2) *UNMANNED SYSTEM.*—*The term “unmanned*
2 *system” means an unmanned surface, undersea, or*
3 *aircraft and associated elements (including commu-*
4 *nication links and the components that control the*
5 *unmanned system) that are required for the operator*
6 *to operate the system safely and efficiently, including*
7 *an unmanned aircraft system (as such term is defined*
8 *in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code).*

9 **SEC. 208. GREAT LAKES ICEBREAKER.**

10 *Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of*
11 *this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee*
12 *on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-*
13 *resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and*
14 *Transportation of the Senate a strategy detailing how the*
15 *Coast Guard will complete design and construction of the*
16 *Great Lakes icebreaker at least as capable as the Coast*
17 *Guard Cutter Mackinaw (WLBB–30) in not more than 3*
18 *years after funding is provided for such icebreaker.*

19 **SEC. 209. CONSIDERATION OF LIFE-CYCLE COST ESTIMATES**
20 **FOR ACQUISITION AND PROCUREMENT.**

21 *(a) IN GENERAL.*—*Subchapter II of chapter 11 of title*
22 *14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at*
23 *the end the following:*

1 **“§ 1139. Consideration of life-cycle cost estimates for**
2 **acquisition and procurement**

3 *“In carrying out the acquisition and procurement of*
4 *vessels and aircraft, the Secretary of the department in*
5 *which the Coast Guard is operating, acting through the*
6 *Commandant of the Coast Guard, shall consider the life-*
7 *cycle cost estimates of vessels and aircraft, as applicable,*
8 *during the design and evaluation processes to the maximum*
9 *extent practicable.”.*

10 (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The analysis for chapter*
11 *11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting*
12 *after the item relating to section 1138 (as added by this*
13 *Act) the following:*

“1139. Consideration of life-cycle cost estimates for acquisition and procurement.”.

14 **SEC. 210. AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN SUPPORT FOR**
15 **COAST GUARD ACADEMY FOUNDATIONS.**

16 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subchapter I of chapter 19 of title*
17 *14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end*
18 *the following:*

19 **“§ 1907. Authorization of certain support for Coast**
20 **Guard Academy foundations**

21 *“(a) AUTHORITY.*—*Subject to subsection (b) and pur-*
22 *suant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the de-*
23 *partment in which the Coast Guard is operating, the Super-*
24 *intendent of the Coast Guard Academy may authorize a*

1 covered foundation to use, on an unreimbursed basis, facili-
2 ties or equipment of the Coast Guard Academy.

3 “(b) *LIMITATIONS.*—Use of facilities or equipment
4 under subsection (a) may be provided only if such use has
5 been reviewed and approved by an attorney of the Coast
6 Guard and only if such use—

7 “(1) is without any liability of the United States
8 to the covered foundation;

9 “(2) does not affect the ability of any official or
10 employee of the Coast Guard, or any member of the
11 armed forces, to carry out any responsibility or duty
12 in a fair and objective manner;

13 “(3) does not compromise the integrity or ap-
14 pearance of integrity of any program of the Coast
15 Guard, or any individual involved in such a pro-
16 gram;

17 “(4) does not include the participation of any
18 cadet other than participation in an honor guard at
19 an event of the covered foundation; and

20 “(5) complies with any applicable ethics regula-
21 tions.

22 “(c) *BRIEFING.*—In any fiscal year during which the
23 Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy exercises the
24 authority under subsection (a), the Commandant of the
25 Coast Guard shall provide a briefing to the Committee on

1 *Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-*
 2 *resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and*
 3 *Transportation of the Senate not later than the last day*
 4 *of that fiscal year regarding the number of events or activi-*
 5 *ties of a covered foundation supported by such exercise dur-*
 6 *ing such fiscal year.*

7 “(d) *COVERED FOUNDATION DEFINED.*—*In this sec-*
 8 *tion, the term ‘covered foundation’ means a charitable, edu-*
 9 *cational, or civic nonprofit organization under section*
 10 *501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, that the*
 11 *Secretary concerned determines operates exclusively to sup-*
 12 *port, with respect to a Service Academy, any of the fol-*
 13 *lowing:*

14 “(1) *Recruiting.*

15 “(2) *Parent or alumni development.*

16 “(3) *Academic, leadership, or character develop-*
 17 *ment.*

18 “(4) *Institutional development.*

19 “(5) *Athletics.*”.

20 (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The analysis for chapter*
 21 *19 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting*
 22 *after the item relating to section 1906 the following:*

 “1907. *Authorization of certain support for Coast Guard Academy foundations.*”.

23 **SEC. 211. NATIONAL COAST GUARD MUSEUM.**

24 Section 316 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-
 25 *ed—*

1 (1) *in subsection (b)—*

2 (A) *in paragraph (1) by striking “The Sec-*
3 *retary” and inserting “Except as provided in*
4 *paragraph (2), the Secretary”; and*

5 (B) *in paragraph (2) by striking “engineer-*
6 *ing and design of a Museum” and inserting “de-*
7 *sign of a Museum, and engineering, construction*
8 *administration, and quality assurance services of*
9 *a Museum”;*

10 (2) *by amending subsection (e)(2)(A) to read as*
11 *follows:*

12 “(A) *lease from the Association for Coast Guard*
13 *operations the Museum and properties owned by the*
14 *Association adjacent to the railroad tracks to which*
15 *the property on which the Museum is located are ad-*
16 *acent; and”;* and

17 (3) *by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-*
18 *lows:*

19 “(g) *SERVICES.—With respect to the services related*
20 *to the construction, maintenance, and operation of the Mu-*
21 *seum, the Commandant may—*

22 “(1) *solicit and accept services from nonprofit*
23 *entities, including the Association; and*

1 “(2) enter into contracts or memorandums of
2 agreement with or make grants to the Association to
3 acquire such services.”.

4 **SEC. 212. REGULAR POLAR SECURITY CUTTER UPDATES.**

5 (a) *REPORT.*—

6 (1) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.*—Not later than 60
7 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
8 mandant shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-
9 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
10 tives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
11 Transportation of the Senate a report on the status
12 of acquisition of the first Polar Security Cutter.

13 (2) *ELEMENTS.*—The report under paragraph
14 (1) shall include—

15 (A) a detailed timeline for the acquisition
16 process of the first Polar Security Cutter, includ-
17 ing expected milestones and projected commis-
18 sioning date;

19 (B) an accounting of the previously appro-
20 priated funds spent to date on the Polar Secu-
21 rity Cutter Program, updated cost projections for
22 the first Polar Security Cutter, and projections
23 for when additional funds will be required;

1 (C) *potential factors and risks that could*
2 *further delay or imperil the completion of the*
3 *first Polar Security Cutter; and*

4 (D) *a review of the acquisition of the first*
5 *Polar Security Cutter to date, including factors*
6 *that led to substantial cost overruns and delivery*
7 *delays.*

8 (b) *BRIEFINGS.—*

9 (1) *PROVISION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60*
10 *days after the submission of the report under sub-*
11 *section (a), and not less frequently than every 60 days*
12 *thereafter, the Commandant shall provide to the Com-*
13 *mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the*
14 *House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-*
15 *merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a*
16 *briefing on the status of the Polar Security Cutter ac-*
17 *quisition process.*

18 (2) *TIMELINE.—The briefings under paragraph*
19 *(1) shall occur after any key milestone in the Polar*
20 *Security Cutter acquisition process, but not less fre-*
21 *quently than every 60 days.*

22 (3) *ELEMENTS.—Each briefing under paragraph*
23 *(1) shall include—*

1 *Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of*
2 *the Senate a report on the condition of dayboards and the*
3 *placement of buoys on the Missouri River.*

4 *(b) ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph (1) shall*
5 *include—*

6 *(1) a list of the most recent date on which each*
7 *dayboard and buoy was serviced by the Coast Guard;*

8 *(2) an overview of the plan of the Coast Guard*
9 *to systematically service each dayboard and buoy on*
10 *the Missouri River; and*

11 *(3) assigned points of contact.*

12 **SEC. 215. DELEGATION OF PORTS AND WATERWAYS SAFETY**

13 **AUTHORITIES IN ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY.**

14 *Section 70032 of title 46, United States Code, is*
15 *amended to read as follows:*

16 **“§ 70032. Saint Lawrence Seaway**

17 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection*
18 *(b), the authority granted to the Secretary under sections*
19 *70001, 70002, 70003, 70004, and 70011 may not be dele-*
20 *gated with respect to the Saint Lawrence Seaway to any*
21 *agency other than the Great Lakes Saint Lawrence Seaway*
22 *Development Corporation. Any other authority granted the*
23 *Secretary under subchapters I through III and this sub-*
24 *chapter shall be delegated by the Secretary to the Great*
25 *Lakes Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation to*

1 *the extent the Secretary determines such delegation is nec-*
2 *essary for the proper operation of the Saint Lawrence Sea-*
3 *way.*

4 “(b) *EXCEPTION.*—*The Secretary of the department in*
5 *which the Coast Guard is operating, after consultation with*
6 *the Secretary of Transportation, or the head of an agency*
7 *to which the Secretary has delegated the authorities in sub-*
8 *section (a), may—*

9 “(1) *issue and enforce special orders in accord-*
10 *ance with section 70002;*

11 “(2) *establish water or waterfront safety zones,*
12 *or other measures, for limited, controlled, or condi-*
13 *tional access and activity when necessary for the pro-*
14 *tection of any vessel structure, waters, or shore area,*
15 *as permitted in section 70011(b)(2); and*

16 “(3) *take actions for port, harbor, and coastal fa-*
17 *cility security in accordance with section 70116.”*

18 **SEC. 216. STUDY ON COAST GUARD MISSIONS.**

19 (a) *STUDY.*—

20 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 90 days after*
21 *the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant*
22 *shall seek to enter into an agreement with a federally*
23 *funded research and development center with relevant*
24 *expertise under which such center shall conduct an as-*
25 *essment of the operational capabilities and ability of*

1 *the Coast Guard to conduct the primary duties of the*
2 *Coast Guard under section 102 of title 14, United*
3 *States Code, and missions under section 888 of the*
4 *Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 468).*

5 (2) *ELEMENTS.—In carrying out the assessment*
6 *required under paragraph (1), the federally funded re-*
7 *search and development center selected under such*
8 *subsection shall, with respect to the primary duties*
9 *and missions described in paragraph (1), include the*
10 *following:*

11 (A) *An analysis of the extent to which the*
12 *Coast Guard is able to effectively carry out such*
13 *duties and missions.*

14 (B) *Recommendations for the Coast Guard*
15 *to more effectively carry out such duties and*
16 *missions, in light of manpower and asset con-*
17 *straints.*

18 (C) *Recommendations of which such duties*
19 *and missions should be transferred to other de-*
20 *partments or eliminated in light of the man-*
21 *power and asset constraints of the Coast Guard.*

22 (D) *An analysis of the benefits and draw-*
23 *backs of transferring the Coast Guard or any of*
24 *the duties and missions of the Coast Guard to*

1 *other appropriate Federal departments or inde-*
2 *pendent agencies.*

3 **(b) ASSESSMENT TO COMMANDANT.**—*Not later than 1*
4 *year after the date on which Commandant enters into an*
5 *agreement under section (a), the federally funded research*
6 *and development center selected under such subsection shall*
7 *submit to the Commandant the assessment required under*
8 *subsection (a).*

9 **(c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—

10 **(1) IN GENERAL.**—*Not later than 90 days after*
11 *receipt of the assessment under subsection (b), the*
12 *Commandant shall submit to the Committee on*
13 *Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of*
14 *Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,*
15 *Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report*
16 *that includes recommendations included in the assess-*
17 *ment to strengthen the ability of the Coast Guard to*
18 *carry out such duties and missions.*

19 **(2) ELEMENTS.**—*The report required under*
20 *paragraph (1) shall include the following:*

21 **(A)** *The assessment received by the Com-*
22 *mandant under subsection (b).*

23 **(B)** *For each recommendation included in*
24 *the such assessment—*

1 (i) *an assessment by the Commandant*
2 *of the feasibility and advisability of imple-*
3 *menting such recommendation; and*

4 (ii) *if the Commandant of the Coast*
5 *Guard considers the implementation of such*
6 *recommendation feasible and advisable, a*
7 *description of the actions taken, or to be*
8 *taken, to implement such recommendation.*

9 **SEC. 217. ADDITIONAL PRIBILOF ISLAND TRANSITION COM-**
10 **PLETION ACTIONS.**

11 *Section 11221 of the Don Young Coast Guard Author-*
12 *ization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263) is amended by*
13 *adding at the end the following:*

14 “(e) *ADDITIONAL REPORTS ON STATUS OF USE OF FA-*
15 *CILITIES AND HELICOPTER BASING.—Beginning with the*
16 *first quarterly report required under subsection (a) sub-*
17 *mitted after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Au-*
18 *thorization Act of 2024, the Secretary shall include in each*
19 *such report—*

20 “(1) *the status of the use of recently renovated*
21 *Coast Guard housing facilities, food preparation fa-*
22 *ilities, and maintenance and repair facilities on St.*
23 *Paul Island, Alaska, including a projected date for*
24 *full use and occupancy of such facilities in support*
25 *of Coast Guard missions in the Bering Sea; and*

1 “(2) a detailed plan for the acquisition and con-
 2 struction of a hangar in close proximity to existing
 3 St. Paul airport facilities to house 1 or more Coast
 4 Guard helicopters for the prosecution of Coast Guard
 5 operational missions, including plans for the use of
 6 land needed for such hangar.”.

7 **Subtitle B—Personnel**

8 **SEC. 221. DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY FOR CIVILIAN FACULTY** 9 **AT THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY.**

10 Section 1941 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-
 11 ed—

12 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection
 13 (c); and

14 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
 15 lowing:

16 “(b) The Secretary may, without regard to the ap-
 17 pointment requirements of title 5, United States Code, non-
 18 competitively appoint a highly qualified candidate to a fac-
 19 ulty position in the excepted service.”.

20 **SEC. 222. TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM AUTHORIZED END** 21 **STRENGTH FOR COAST GUARD ENLISTED** 22 **MEMBERS ON ACTIVE DUTY.**

23 Notwithstanding section 517 of title 10, United States
 24 Code, and until October 1, 2027, the authorized end strength
 25 for enlisted members on active duty (other than for train-

1 *ing) in the Coast Guard in pay grades E–8 and E–9 may*
 2 *be more than 3.0 percent and 1.25 percent respectively of*
 3 *the number of enlisted members of the Coast Guard who*
 4 *are on active duty other than for training.*

5 **SEC. 223. ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE GUIDANCE AND CONSID-**
 6 **ERATIONS FOR RESERVE SELECTION**
 7 **BOARDS.**

8 *Section 3740(f) of title 14, United States Code, is*
 9 *amended by striking “section 2117” and inserting “sections*
 10 *2115 and 2117”.*

11 **SEC. 224. PARENTAL LEAVE PARITY FOR MEMBERS OF CER-**
 12 **TAIN RESERVE COMPONENTS OF COAST**
 13 **GUARD.**

14 *(a) PARENTAL LEAVE.—*

15 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 29 of*
 16 *title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding*
 17 *at the end the following:*

18 **“§ 2907. Parental leave for members of certain reserve**
 19 **components of Coast Guard**

20 *“(a)(1) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary,*
 21 *a member of the reserve component of the Coast Guard de-*
 22 *scribed in subsection (b) is allowed parental leave for a du-*
 23 *ration of up to 12 inactive-duty training periods, under*
 24 *section 206 of title 37, during the one-year period beginning*
 25 *after the following events:*

1 “(A) the birth or adoption of a child of the mem-
2 ber and to care for such child; or

3 “(B) the placement of a minor child with the
4 member for adoption or long-term foster care.

5 “(2)(A) The Secretary of the department in which the
6 Coast Guard is operating, may authorize leave described
7 under subparagraph (A) to be taken after the one-year pe-
8 riod described in subparagraph (A) in the case of a member
9 described in subsection (b) who, except for this subpara-
10 graph, would lose unused parental leave at the end of the
11 one-year period described in subparagraph (A) as a result
12 of—

13 “(i) operational requirements;

14 “(ii) professional military education obligations;

15 or

16 “(iii) other circumstances that the Secretary de-
17 termines reasonable and appropriate.

18 “(B) The regulations prescribed under clause (i) shall
19 require that any leave authorized to be taken after the one-
20 year period described in subparagraph (A) shall be taken
21 within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the
22 Secretary in which the department is operating, after ces-
23 sation of the circumstances warranting the extended dead-
24 line.

1 “(b) *A member described in this subsection is a mem-*
2 *ber of the Coast Guard who is a member of—*

3 “(1) *the selected reserve who is entitled to com-*
4 *penetration under section 206 of title 37; or*

5 “(2) *the individual ready reserve who is entitled*
6 *to compensation under section 206 of title 37 when*
7 *attending or participating in a sufficient number of*
8 *periods of inactive-duty training during a year to*
9 *count the year as a qualifying year of creditable serv-*
10 *ice toward eligibility for retired pay.”.*

11 (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for*
12 *chapter 29 of title 14, United States Code, is amended*
13 *by inserting after the item relating to section 2906 the*
14 *following:*

“2907. *Parental leave for members of certain reserve components of Coast Guard.”.*

15 (b) *COMPENSATION.—Section 206(a)(4) of title 37,*
16 *United States Code, is amended by inserting before the pe-*
17 *riod at the end “or parental leave under section 2907 of*
18 *title 14”.*

19 **SEC. 225. AUTHORIZATION FOR MATERNITY UNIFORM AL-**
20 **LOWANCE FOR OFFICERS.**

21 *Section 2708 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-*
22 *ed by adding at the end the following:*

23 “(c) *The Coast Guard may provide a cash allowance*
24 *in such amount as the Secretary of the department in which*
25 *the Coast Guard is operating shall determine in regulations*

1 *to be paid to pregnant officer personnel for the purchase*
2 *of maternity-related uniform items if such uniform items*
3 *are not so furnished to the member.”.*

4 **SEC. 226. REPORT ON GAO RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOUS-**
5 **ING PROGRAM.**

6 *Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of*
7 *this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee*
8 *on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-*
9 *resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and*
10 *Transportation of the Senate a report on the status of the*
11 *implementation of the recommendations contained in the*
12 *report of the Government Accountability Office titled “Coast*
13 *Guard: Better Feedback Collection and Information Could*
14 *Enhance Housing Program”, and issued February 5, 2024*
15 *(GAO–24–106388).*

16 **TITLE III—SHIPPING AND**
17 **NAVIGATION**
18 **Subtitle A—Vessel Operations**

19 **SEC. 301. DEFINITIONS.**

20 *In this subtitle:*

21 (1) **OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.**—*The term*
22 *“outer Continental Shelf” has the meaning given such*
23 *term in section 2 of the Outer Continental Shelf*
24 *Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331).*

1 (2) *RULING LETTER.*—The term “ruling letter”
2 means any ruling letter or headquarters ruling letter
3 relating to the enforcement of chapters 121 and 551
4 of title 46, United States Code (commonly referred to
5 as the “Jones Act”), issued by the Commissioner of
6 U.S. Customs and Border Protection pursuant to sec-
7 tions 502(a) or 625 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19
8 U.S.C. 1502(a) and 1625).

9 (3) *SECRETARY.*—The term “Secretary” means
10 the Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through
11 the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
12 tection.

13 **SEC. 302. NOTIFICATION.**

14 (a) *ADVANCE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.*—Prior to en-
15 gaging in any activity or operations on the outer Conti-
16 nental Shelf, the operator of a foreign vessel used in such
17 activity or operations shall file with the Secretary a notifi-
18 cation describing all activities and operations to be per-
19 formed on the outer Continental Shelf and an identification
20 of applicable ruling letters issued by the Secretary that have
21 approved the use of a foreign vessel in a substantially simi-
22 lar activity or operation.

23 (b) *PUBLICATION OF NOTICES.*—

24 (1) *PUBLICATION.*—The Secretary shall publish
25 a notification under subsection (a) in the Customs

1 *Bulletin and Decisions within 14 days of receipt of*
2 *such notification.*

3 (2) *CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.—The Sec-*
4 *retary shall redact any information exempt from dis-*
5 *closure under section 552 of title 5, United States*
6 *Code, in a notification published under paragraph*
7 *(1).*

8 **SEC. 303. PUBLICATION OF FINES AND PENALTIES.**

9 (a) *IN GENERAL.—Section 55102 of title 46, United*
10 *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

11 *“(d) PUBLICATION OF PENALTY.—*

12 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 14 days after*
13 *the issuance of a pre-penalty notice or a penalty, in-*
14 *cluding a settlement, under subsection (c), the Sec-*
15 *retary of Homeland Security shall publish such pre-*
16 *penalty notice or a notification of such penalty in the*
17 *Customs Bulletin and Decisions to the party im-*
18 *pacted by the penalty.*

19 *“(2) CONTENTS.—A pre-penalty notice or pen-*
20 *alty notification published under paragraph (1) shall*
21 *include—*

22 *“(A) the name and the International Mari-*
23 *time Organization identification number of the*
24 *vessel that is the subject of the penalty;*

1 “(B) the name of the owner of the vessel
2 that is the subject of the penalty;

3 “(C) the amount of the fine or value of mer-
4 chandise seized; and

5 “(D) a summary of the alleged misconduct
6 and justification for imposing a penalty.”.

7 (b) *RULEMAKING.*—Not later than 90 days after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue such
9 regulations as are necessary to implement the amendments
10 made by subsection (a), including—

11 (1) regulations regarding the information to be
12 contained in a penalty notification under section
13 55102(d) of title 46, United States Code (as amended
14 by such subsection); and

15 (2) any changes to existing regulations relating
16 to penalties issued by the Secretary.

17 ***Subtitle B—Merchant Mariner***
18 ***Credentialing***

19 ***SEC. 311. REVISING MERCHANT MARINER DECK TRAINING***
20 ***REQUIREMENTS.***

21 (a) *GENERAL DEFINITIONS.*—Section 2101 of title 46,
22 United States Code, is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (20) through
24 (56) as paragraphs (21) through (57), respectively;
25 and

1 (2) *by inserting after paragraph (19) the fol-*
2 *lowing:*

3 “(20) ‘*merchant mariner credential*’ means a
4 *merchant mariner license, certificate, or document*
5 *that the Secretary is authorized to issue pursuant to*
6 *this title.”.*

7 (b) *EXAMINATIONS.—Section 7116 of title 46, United*
8 *States Code, is amended by striking subsection (c).*

9 (c) *MERCHANT MARINERS DOCUMENTS.—*

10 (1) *GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.—Section 7306 of*
11 *title 46, United States Code, is amended to read as*
12 *follows:*

13 “**§ 7306. General requirements and classifications for**
14 **members of deck departments**

15 “(a) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may issue a mer-*
16 *chant mariner credential, to members of the deck depart-*
17 *ment in the following classes:*

18 “(1) *Able Seaman-Unlimited.*

19 “(2) *Able Seaman-Limited.*

20 “(3) *Able Seaman-Special.*

21 “(4) *Able Seaman-Offshore Supply Vessels.*

22 “(5) *Able Seaman-Sail.*

23 “(6) *Able Seaman-Fishing Industry.*

24 “(7) *Ordinary Seaman.*

1 “(b) *CLASSIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS.*—*The Sec-*
2 *retary may classify the merchant mariner credential issued*
3 *under subsection (a) based on—*

4 “(1) *the tonnage and means of propulsion of ves-*
5 *sels;*

6 “(2) *the waters on which vessels are to be oper-*
7 *ated; or*

8 “(3) *other appropriate standards.*

9 “(c) *CONSIDERATIONS.*—*In issuing the credential*
10 *under subsection (a), the Secretary may consider the fol-*
11 *lowing qualifications of the merchant mariner:*

12 “(1) *Age.*

13 “(2) *Character.*

14 “(3) *Habits of life.*

15 “(4) *Experience.*

16 “(5) *Professional qualifications demonstrated by*
17 *satisfactory completion of applicable examinations or*
18 *other educational requirements.*

19 “(6) *Physical condition, including sight and*
20 *hearing.*

21 “(7) *Other requirements established by the Sec-*
22 *retary, including career patterns and service appro-*
23 *priate to the particular service, industry, or job func-*
24 *tions the individual is engaged.”.*

1 (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The analysis for*
2 *chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is amended*
3 *by striking the item relating to section 7306 and in-*
4 *serting the following:*

 “7306. *General requirements and classifications for members of deck depart-*
 ments.”.

5 (3) *GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF*
6 *ENGINE DEPARTMENTS.*—*Section 7313(b) of title 46,*
7 *United States Code, is amended by striking “and coal*
8 *passer”.*

9 (4) *TRAINING.*—*Section 7315 of title 46, United*
10 *States Code, is amended—*

11 (A) *by amending subsection (a) to read as*
12 *follows:*

13 “(a) *Graduation from a nautical school program ap-*
14 *proved by the Secretary may be substituted for the service*
15 *requirements under sections 7307–7312 and 7314.”;*

16 (B) *in subsection (b)—*

17 (i) *by striking “one-third” and insert-*
18 *ing “one-half”; and*

19 (ii) *by striking “7307–7311 of this*
20 *title” and inserting “7307–7312 and 7314”;*

21 *and*

22 (C) *by striking subsection (c).*

23 (d) *REDUCTION OF LENGTHS OF CERTAIN PERIODS OF*
24 *SERVICE.*—

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Title 46, United States Code,
2 is amended as follows:

3 (A) Section 7307 is amended by striking “3
4 years” and inserting “18 months”.

5 (B) Section 7308 is amended by striking
6 “18 months” and inserting “12 months”.

7 (C) Section 7309 is amended by striking
8 “12 months” and inserting “6 months”.

9 (2) *TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF LENGTHS OF*
10 *CERTAIN PERIODS OF SERVICE.*—Section 3534(j) of
11 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
12 Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) is repealed.

13 (e) *MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIALS.*—Section
14 7510 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking
15 subsection (d).

16 (f) *IMPLEMENTATION.*—The Secretary of the depart-
17 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall imple-
18 ment the amended requirements under subsections (c)(3),
19 (c)(4), and (c)(6) of this section without regard to chapters
20 5 and 6 of title 5, United States Code, and Executive Orders
21 12866 and 13563 (5 U.S.C. 601 note).

22 **SEC. 312. AMENDMENTS.**

23 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—The heading for subtitle II of title
24 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “**Seamen**”
25 and inserting “**Seafarer**”.

1 (b) *MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIALS*.—*The head-*
2 *ing for part E of subtitle II of title 46, United States Code,*
3 *is amended by striking “MERCHANT SEAMEN LI-*
4 *CENSES, CERTIFICATES, AND DOCUMENTS” and in-*
5 *serting “MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIALS”.*

6 (c) *ABLE SEAFARERS—UNLIMITED*.—

7 (1) *IN GENERAL*.—*The section heading for sec-*
8 *tion 7307 of title 46, United States Code, is amended*
9 *by striking “seamen” and inserting “seafarers”.*

10 (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT*.—*The analysis for*
11 *chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is further*
12 *amended in the item relating to section 7307 by strik-*
13 *ing “seamen” and inserting “seafarers”.*

14 (d) *ABLE SEAMEN—LIMITED*.—

15 (1) *IN GENERAL*.—*The section heading for sec-*
16 *tion 7308 of title 46, United States Code, is amended*
17 *by striking “seamen” and inserting “seafarers”.*

18 (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT*.—*The analysis for*
19 *chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is further*
20 *amended in the item relating to section 7308 by strik-*
21 *ing “seamen” and inserting “seafarers”.*

22 (e) *ABLE SEAFARERS—SPECIAL*.—

23 (1) *IN GENERAL*.—*The section heading for sec-*
24 *tion 7309 of title 46, United States Code, is amended*
25 *by striking “seamen” and inserting “seafarers”.*

1 (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The analysis for*
2 *chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is further*
3 *amended in the item relating to section 7309 by strik-*
4 *ing “seamen” and inserting “seafarers”.*

5 (f) *ABLE SEAFARERS—OFFSHORE SUPPLY VES-*
6 *SELS.*—

7 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The section heading for sec-*
8 *tion 7310 of title 46, United States Code, is amended*
9 *by striking “seamen” and inserting “seafarers”.*

10 (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The analysis for*
11 *chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is further*
12 *amended in the item relating to section 7310 by strik-*
13 *ing “seamen” and inserting “seafarers”.*

14 (g) *ABLE SEAFARERS—SAIL.*—

15 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The section heading for sec-*
16 *tion 7311 of title 46, United States Code, is amended*
17 *by striking “seamen” and inserting “seafarers”.*

18 (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The analysis for*
19 *chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is further*
20 *amended in the item relating to section 7311 by strik-*
21 *ing “seamen” and inserting “seafarers”.*

22 (h) *ABLE SEAMEN—FISHING INDUSTRY.*—

23 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The section heading for sec-*
24 *tion 7311a of title 46, United States Code, is amend-*

1 ed by striking “**seamen**” and inserting “**sea-**
2 **farers**”.

3 (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The analysis for*
4 *chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is further*
5 *amended in the item relating to section 7311a by*
6 *striking “seamen” and inserting “seafarers”.*

7 (i) *PARTS E AND F.*—*Parts E and F of subtitle II*
8 *of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

9 (1) *by striking “seaman” and inserting “sea-*
10 *farer” each place it appears; and*

11 (2) *by striking “seamen” and inserting “sea-*
12 *farers” each place it appears.*

13 (j) *CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.*—(1) *The analysis for*
14 *subtitle II of title 46, United States Code, is amended in*
15 *the item relating to part E by striking “MERCHANT SEA-*
16 *MEN LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, AND DOCU-*
17 *MENTS” and inserting “MERCHANT MARINER CRE-*
18 *DENTIALS”.*

19 (2) *The analysis of subtitles at the beginning of title*
20 *46, United States Code, is amended in the item relating*
21 *to subtitle II by striking “SEAMEN” and inserting “SEA-*
22 *FARER”*

1 **SEC. 313. RENEWAL OF MERCHANT MARINER LICENSES**
 2 **AND DOCUMENTS.**

3 *Section 7507 of title 46, United States Code, is amend-*
 4 *ed by adding at the end the following:*

5 “(d) *RENEWAL.*—With respect to any renewal of an
 6 *active merchant mariner credential issued under this part*
 7 *that is not an extension under subsection (a) or (b), such*
 8 *credential shall begin the day after the expiration of the*
 9 *active credential of the credential holder.”.*

10 **SEC. 314. MERCHANT SEAMEN LICENSES, CERTIFICATES,**
 11 **AND DOCUMENTS; MANNING OF VESSELS.**

12 (a) *CITIZENSHIP OR NONCITIZEN NATIONALITY.*—

13 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 7102 of title 46,
 14 *United States Code, is amended—*

15 (A) *in the section heading by inserting “or*
 16 ***noncitizen nationality***” after “***Citizen-***
 17 ***ship*”;** and

18 (B) *by inserting “or noncitizen nationals*
 19 *(as such term is described in section 308 of the*
 20 *Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.*
 21 *1408))” after “citizens”.*

22 (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The analysis for*
 23 *chapter 71 of title 46, United States Code, is amended*
 24 *by striking the item relating to section 7102 and in-*
 25 *serting the following:*

“7102. *Citizenship or noncitizen nationality.*”.

1 (b) *CITIZENSHIP OR NONCITIZEN NATIONALITY NOTA-*
 2 *TION ON MERCHANT MARINERS' DOCUMENTS.*—

3 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 7304 of title 46,
 4 *United States Code, is amended—*

5 (A) *in the section heading by inserting “or*
 6 ***noncitizen nationality***” after “***Citizen-***
 7 ***ship*”**; and

8 (B) *by inserting “or noncitizen national (as*
 9 *such term is described in section 308 of the Im-*
 10 *migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.*
 11 *1408))” after “citizen”.*

12 (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The analysis for*
 13 *chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is amended*
 14 *by striking the item relating to section 7304 and in-*
 15 *serting the following:*

“7304. *Citizenship or noncitizen nationality notation on merchant mariners' doc-*
uments.”.

16 (c) *CITIZENSHIP OR NONCITIZEN NATIONALITY.*—

17 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 8103 of title 46,
 18 *United States Code, is amended—*

19 (A) *in the section heading by inserting “or*
 20 ***noncitizen nationality***” after “***Citizen-***
 21 ***ship*”**;

22 (B) *in subsection (a) by inserting “or non-*
 23 *citizen national” after “citizen”*;

24 (C) *in subsection (b)—*

1 (i) in paragraph (1)(A)(i) by inserting
2 “or noncitizen national” after “citizen”;

3 (ii) in paragraph (3) by inserting “or
4 noncitizen nationality” after “citizenship”;
5 and

6 (iii) in paragraph (3)(C) by inserting
7 “or noncitizen nationals” after “citizens”;

8 (D) in subsection (c) by inserting “or non-
9 citizen nationals” after “citizens”;

10 (E) in subsection (d)—

11 (i) in paragraph (1) by inserting “or
12 noncitizen nationals” after “citizens”; and

13 (ii) in paragraph (2) by inserting “or
14 noncitizen national” after “citizen” each
15 place it appears;

16 (F) in subsection (e) by inserting “or non-
17 citizen national” after “citizen” each place it
18 appears;

19 (G) in subsection (i)(1)(A) by inserting “or
20 noncitizen national” after “citizen”;

21 (H) in subsection (k)(1)(A) by inserting “or
22 noncitizen national” after “citizen”; and

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

24 “(l) *NONCITIZEN NATIONAL DEFINED.*—In this sec-
25 tion, the term ‘noncitizen national’ means an individual

1 *described in section 308 of the Immigration and Nation-*
 2 *ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1408).”.*

3 (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for*
 4 *chapter 81 of title 46, United States Code, is amended*
 5 *by striking the item relating to section 8103 and in-*
 6 *serting the following:*

“8103. Citizenship or noncitizen nationality and Navy Reserve requirements.”.

7 (d) *COMMAND OF DOCUMENTED VESSELS.—Section*
 8 *12131(a) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by*
 9 *inserting “or noncitizen national (as such term is described*
 10 *in section 308 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8*
 11 *U.S.C. 1408))” after “citizen”.*

12 (e) *INVALIDATION OF CERTIFICATES OF DOCUMENTA-*
 13 *TION.—Section 12135(2) of title 46, United States Code, is*
 14 *amended by inserting “or noncitizen national (as such term*
 15 *is described in section 308 of the Immigration and Nation-*
 16 *ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1408))” after “citizen”.*

17 ***Subtitle C—Vessel Safety***

18 ***SEC. 321. GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OPERATIONS OF A VESSEL.***

19 *Section 2302(b) of title 46, United States Code, is*
 20 *amended to read as follows:*

21 *“(b) GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OPERATION.—*

22 *“(1) MISDEMEANOR.—A person operating a ves-*
 23 *sel in a grossly negligent manner that endangers the*
 24 *life, limb, or property of a person commits a class A*
 25 *misdemeanor.*

1 “(2) *FELONY*.—A person operating a vessel in a
2 *grossly negligent manner that results in serious bodily*
3 *injury, as defined in section 1365(h)(3) of title 18—*

4 “(A) *commits a class E felony; and*

5 “(B) *may be assessed a civil penalty of not*
6 *more than \$35,000.*”.

7 **SEC. 322. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE FOR SECURITY**
8 **RISKS.**

9 (a) *SECURITY RISK*.—Section 7702(d)(1) of title 46,
10 *United States Code, is amended—*

11 (1) *in subparagraph (B) by redesignating*
12 *clauses (i) through (iv) as subclauses (I) through (IV),*
13 *respectively (and by conforming the margins accord-*
14 *ingly);*

15 (2) *by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B)*
16 *as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively (and by con-*
17 *forming the margins accordingly);*

18 (3) *by striking “an individual if—” and insert-*
19 *ing the following: “an individual—*

20 *“(A) if—”;*

21 (4) *in subparagraph (A)(ii)(IV), as so redesign-*
22 *ated, by striking the period at the end and inserting*
23 *“; or”;* and

24 (5) *by adding at the end the following:*

1 sional committees’” and inserting “APPRO-
 2 PRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
 3 FINED.—The term ‘appropriate congressional
 4 committees’”; and

5 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and
 6 (5) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(i) *APPLICATION.*—This section shall apply to am-
 8 phibious vessels operating as a small passenger vessel in
 9 waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, as
 10 such term is defined in section 2.38 of title 33, Code of Fed-
 11 eral Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of
 12 the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2024).”.

13 **SEC. 324. RISK BASED EXAMINATION OF TANK VESSELS.**

14 Section 3714 of title 46, United States Code, is amend-
 15 ed—

16 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “The Sec-
 17 retary” and inserting “Except as provided in sub-
 18 section (c), the Secretary”;

19 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection
 20 (d); and

21 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
 22 lowing:

23 “(c) *RISK-BASED EXAMINATION.*—

24 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—With respect to examinations
 25 of foreign-flagged vessels to which this chapter applies,

1 *the Secretary may adopt a risk-based examination*
2 *schedule to which such vessels shall be examined and*
3 *the frequency with which the examinations occur.*

4 “(2) *RESTRICTION.—The Secretary may not*
5 *adopt a risk-based examination schedule under para-*
6 *graph (1) until the Secretary has—*

7 *“(A) received and reviewed the study by the*
8 *National Academies required under section*
9 *8254(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry Na-*
10 *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*
11 *2021 (Public Law 116–283);*

12 *“(B) conducted the assessment recommended*
13 *in the report of the Government Accountability*
14 *Office submitted under section 8254(a) of such*
15 *Act;*

16 *“(C) concluded through such assessment that*
17 *a risk-based examination schedule provides not*
18 *less than the level of safety provided by the an-*
19 *ual examinations required under subsection*
20 *(a)(1); and*

21 *“(D) provided the results of such assessment*
22 *to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-*
23 *structure of the House of Representatives and the*
24 *Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-*
25 *tation of the Senate.”.*

1 **SEC. 325. PORTS AND WATERWAYS SAFETY.**

2 (a) *WATERFRONT SAFETY.*—Section 70011(a) of title
3 46, *United States Code*, is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1) by inserting “, including
5 damage or destruction resulting from cyber incidents,
6 transnational organized crime, or foreign state
7 threats” after “adjacent to such waters”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (2) by inserting “or harm re-
9 sulting from cyber incidents, transnational organized
10 crime, or foreign state threats” after “loss”.

11 (b) *REGULATION OF ANCHORAGE AND MOVEMENT OF*
12 *VESSELS DURING NATIONAL EMERGENCY.*—Section 70051
13 of title 46, *United States Code*, is amended by inserting
14 “or cyber incidents, or transnational organized crime, or
15 foreign state threats,” after “threatened war, or invasion,
16 or insurrection, or subversive activity,”.

17 (c) *FACILITY VISIT BY STATE SPONSOR OF TER-*
18 *RORISM.*—Section 70011(b) of title 46, *United States Code*,
19 is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (3) by striking “and” at the
21 end;

22 (2) in paragraph (4) by striking the period at
23 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

25 “(5) prohibiting a representative of a govern-
26 ment of country that the Secretary of State has deter-

1 *mined has repeatedly provided support for acts of*
2 *international terrorism under section 620A of the*
3 *Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371) from*
4 *visiting a facility for which a facility security plan*
5 *is required under section 70103(c).”.*

6 **SEC. 326. STUDY ON BERING STRAIT VESSEL TRAFFIC PRO-**
7 **JCTIONS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE POS-**
8 **TURE AT THE PORT OF POINT SPENCER,**
9 **ALASKA.**

10 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the*
11 *date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall seek*
12 *to enter into an agreement with the National Academies*
13 *of Science, Engineering, and Medicine, under which the*
14 *Marine Board of the Transportation Research Board (in*
15 *this section referred to as the “Board”) shall conduct a*
16 *study to—*

17 *(1) analyze commercial vessel traffic that tran-*
18 *sits through the Bering Strait and projections for the*
19 *growth of such traffic during the 10-year period be-*
20 *ginning after such date of enactment; and*

21 *(2) assess the adequacy of emergency response ca-*
22 *pabilities and infrastructure at the Port of Point*
23 *Spencer, Alaska, to address navigation safety risks*
24 *and geographic challenges necessary to conduct emer-*

1 *gency maritime response operations in the Arctic en-*
2 *vironment.*

3 (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*The study required under subsection*
4 (a) *shall include the following:*

5 (1) *An analysis of the volume and types of do-*
6 *mestic and international commercial vessel traffic*
7 *through the Bering Strait and the projected growth of*
8 *such traffic, including a summary of—*

9 (A) *the sizes, ages, and flag states of vessels;*

10 *and*

11 (B) *the oil and product tankers that are—*

12 (i) *in transit to or from Russia or*
13 *China; or*

14 (ii) *owned or operated by a Russian or*
15 *Chinese entity.*

16 (2) *An assessment of the state and adequacy of*
17 *vessel traffic services and oil spill and emergency re-*
18 *sponse capabilities in the vicinity of the Bering*
19 *Strait, including its approaches.*

20 (3) *A risk assessment of the projected growth in*
21 *commercial vessel traffic in the Bering Strait and*
22 *higher probability of increased frequency in the num-*
23 *ber of maritime accidents, including spill events, and*
24 *the potential impacts to the Arctic maritime environ-*

1 *ment and Native Alaskan village communities in the*
2 *vicinity of the Bering Strait.*

3 (4) *An evaluation of the ability of the Port of*
4 *Point Spencer, Alaska, to serve as a port of refuge*
5 *and as a staging, logistics, and operations center to*
6 *conduct and support maritime emergency and spill*
7 *response activities.*

8 (5) *Recommendations for practical actions that*
9 *can be taken by the Congress, Federal agencies, the*
10 *State of Alaska, vessel carriers and operators, the ma-*
11 *rine salvage and emergency response industry, and*
12 *other relevant stakeholders to mitigate risks, upgrade*
13 *infrastructure, and improve the posture of the Port of*
14 *Point Spencer, Alaska, to function as a strategic stag-*
15 *ing and logistics center for maritime emergency and*
16 *spill response operations in the Bering Strait region.*

17 (c) *CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study required*
18 *under subsection (a), the Board shall consult with—*

19 (1) *the Department of Transportation;*

20 (2) *the Corps of Engineers;*

21 (3) *the National Transportation Safety Board;*

22 (4) *relevant ministries of the government of Can-*
23 *ada;*

24 (5) *the Port Coordination Council for the Port of*
25 *Point Spencer; and*

1 (6) *non-government entities with relevant exper-*
2 *tise in monitoring and characterizing vessel traffic in*
3 *the Arctic.*

4 (d) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 1 year after initiating*
5 *the study under subsection (a), the Board shall submit to*
6 *the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the*
7 *House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,*
8 *Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report con-*
9 *taining the findings and recommendations of the study.*

10 (e) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

11 (1) *ARCTIC.*—*The term “Arctic” has the mean-*
12 *ing given such term in section 112 of the Arctic Re-*
13 *search and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4111).*

14 (2) *PORT COORDINATION COUNCIL FOR THE*
15 *PORT OF POINT SPENCER.*—*The term “Port Coordina-*
16 *tion Council for the Port of Point Spencer” means the*
17 *Council established under section 541 of the Coast*
18 *Guard Authorization Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–*
19 *120).*

20 **SEC. 327. UNDERWATER INSPECTIONS BRIEF.**

21 *Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of*
22 *this Act, the Commandant, or a designated individual, shall*
23 *brief the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*
24 *of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-*
25 *merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate on the*

1 *underwater inspection in lieu of drydock program estab-*
2 *lished under section 176.615 of title 46, Code of Federal*
3 *Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this*
4 *Act).*

5 **SEC. 328. ST. LUCIE RIVER RAILROAD BRIDGE.**

6 *Regarding Docket Number USCG–2022–0222, before*
7 *adopting a final rule, the Commandant shall conduct an*
8 *independent boat traffic study at mile 7.4 of the St. Lucie*
9 *River.*

10 **SEC. 329. RULEMAKING REGARDING PORT ACCESS ROUTES.**

11 *Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment*
12 *of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the*
13 *Coast Guard is operating shall issue a final rule for the*
14 *Atlantic Coast Port Route Access Study for which an Ad-*
15 *vanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking titled “Shipping*
16 *Safety Fairways Along the Atlantic Coast” was issued on*
17 *June 19, 2020.*

18 **SEC. 330. ARTICULATED TUG-BARGE MANNING.**

19 *Section 11508 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense*
20 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–*
21 *263) is amended to read as follows:*

22 **“SEC. 11508. ARTICULATED TUG-BARGE MANNING.**

23 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the watch setting*
24 *requirements set forth in section 8104 of title 46, United*
25 *States Code, or any other provision of law or regulation,*

1 *an Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection may authorize a*
2 *covered vessel—*

3 “(1) *when engaged on a domestic voyage of more*
4 *than 600 miles, to be manned with a minimum num-*
5 *ber of 2 licensed engineers in the engine department;*
6 *and*

7 “(2) *when engaged on a voyage of less than 600*
8 *miles, to be manned with a minimum number of 1*
9 *licensed engineer in the engine department.*

10 “(b) *COVERED VESSEL DEFINED.—In this section, the*
11 *term ‘covered vessel’ means a towing vessel issued a certifi-*
12 *cate of inspection under subchapter M of chapter I of title*
13 *46, Code of Federal Regulations, which—*

14 “(1) *forms part of an articulated tug-barge unit;*
15 *and*

16 “(2) *is either—*

17 “(A) *equipped with engineering control and*
18 *monitoring systems of a type accepted by a rec-*
19 *ognized classification society for a periodically*
20 *unmanned machinery space notation or accepted*
21 *by the Commandant for a periodically unat-*
22 *tended machinery space endorsement; or*

23 “(B) *is a vessel that, prior to July 19, 2022,*
24 *was issued a minimum safe manning document*

1 *or certificate of inspection that authorized equiv-*
2 *alent or less manning levels.”.*

3 ***Subtitle D—Other Matters***

4 ***SEC. 341. ANCHOR HANDLING ACTIVITIES.***

5 *Section 12111(d) of title 46, United States Code, is*
6 *amended—*

7 *(1) in paragraph (1)—*

8 *(A) in subparagraph (A) by inserting “or*
9 *other energy production or transmission facility,*
10 *or vessel engaged in the launch, recovery, or sup-*
11 *port of commercial space transportation or space*
12 *exploration activities” after “drilling unit”; and*

13 *(B) in subparagraph (B) by inserting “or*
14 *other energy production or transmission facility,*
15 *or vessel engaged in the launch, recovery, or sup-*
16 *port of commercial space transportation or space*
17 *exploration activities” after “drilling unit”; and*

18 *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

19 *“(3) ENERGY PRODUCTION OR TRANSMISSION FA-*
20 *CILITY DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘energy*
21 *production or transmission facility’ means a floating*
22 *offshore facility that is—*

23 *“(A) not a vessel;*

24 *“(B) securely and substantially moored to*
25 *the seabed, but not by driven pile anchors; and*

1 “(C) equipped with wind turbines which
2 are used for the generation and transmission of
3 non-mineral energy resources.”.

4 **SEC. 342. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL ADVISORY COM-**
5 **MITTEE ON AUTONOMOUS MARITIME SYS-**
6 **TEMS.**

7 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 151 of title 46, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

9 **“§15110. Establishment of National Advisory Com-**
10 **mittee on Autonomous Maritime Systems**

11 “(a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—There is established a Na-
12 tional Advisory Committee on Autonomous Maritime Sys-
13 tems (in this section referred to as the ‘Committee’).

14 “(b) *FUNCTION.*—The Committee shall advise the Sec-
15 retary on matters relating to the regulation and use of Au-
16 tonomous Systems within the territorial waters of the
17 United States.

18 “(c) *MEMBERSHIP.*—

19 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—The Committee shall consist
20 of 9 members appointed by the Secretary in accord-
21 ance with this section and section 15109.

22 “(2) *EXPERTISE.*—Each member of the Com-
23 mittee shall have particular expertise, knowledge, and
24 experience in matters relating to the function of the
25 Committee.

1 “(3) *REPRESENTATION.*—*Each of the following*
2 *groups shall be represented by at least 1 member on*
3 *the Committee:*

4 “(A) *Marine safety or security entities.*

5 “(B) *Vessel design and construction entities.*

6 “(C) *Entities engaged in the production or*
7 *research of unmanned vehicles, including drones,*
8 *autonomous or semi-autonomous vehicles, or any*
9 *other product or service integral to the provision,*
10 *maintenance, or management of such products or*
11 *services.*

12 “(D) *Port districts, authorities, or terminal*
13 *operators.*

14 “(E) *Vessel operators.*

15 “(F) *National labor unions representing*
16 *merchant mariners.*

17 “(G) *Maritime pilots.*

18 “(H) *Commercial space transportation op-*
19 *erators.*

20 “(I) *Academic institutions.*”.

21 (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.*—*The analysis for chap-*
22 *ter 151 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by add-*
23 *ing at the end the following:*

 “15110. *Establishment of National Advisory Committee on Autonomous Maritime*
 Systems.”.

1 (c) *ESTABLISHMENT*.—Not later than 90 days after the
2 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the depart-
3 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall establish
4 the Committee under section 15110 of title 46, United
5 States Code (as added by this section).

6 **SEC. 343. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ONBOARD VESSELS.**

7 Section 70503(a) of title 46, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by
10 striking “While on board a covered vessel, an indi-
11 vidual” and inserting “An individual”;

12 (2) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
13 lows:

14 “(1) manufacture or distribute, possess with in-
15 tent to manufacture or distribute, or place or cause
16 to be placed with intent to manufacture or distribute
17 a controlled substance on board a covered vessel;”;
18 and

19 (3) in paragraph (2) by inserting “aboard a cov-
20 ered vessel” after “Comprehensive Drug Abuse Preven-
21 tion and Control Act of 1970 (21 U.S.C. 881(a))”.

22 **SEC. 344. NONOPERATING INDIVIDUAL.**

23 Section 8313(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
24 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021

1 *(Public Law 116– 283) is amended by striking “2025” and*
2 *inserting “2027”.*

3 **SEC. 345. INFORMATION ON TYPE APPROVAL CERTIFI-**
4 **CATES.**

5 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Title IX of the Frank LoBiondo*
6 *Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–*
7 *282) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

8 **“SEC. 904. INFORMATION ON TYPE APPROVAL CERTIFI-**
9 **CATES.**

10 *“The Commandant of the Coast Guard shall, upon re-*
11 *quest by any State, the District of Columbia, or any terri-*
12 *tory of the United States, provide all data possessed by the*
13 *Coast Guard pertaining to challenge water quality charac-*
14 *teristics, challenge water biological organism concentra-*
15 *tions, post-treatment water quality characteristics, and*
16 *post-treatment biological organism concentrations data for*
17 *a ballast water management system with a type approval*
18 *certificate approved by the Coast Guard pursuant to sub-*
19 *part 162.060 of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations.”.*

20 *(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in*
21 *section 2 of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authoriza-*
22 *tion Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–282) is amended by in-*
23 *serting after the item relating to section 903 the following:*

“Sec. 904. Information on type approval certificates.”.

1 **SEC. 346. MANNING AND CREWING REQUIREMENTS FOR**
2 **CERTAIN VESSELS, VEHICLES, AND STRUC-**
3 **TURES.**

4 (a) *AUTHORIZATION OF LIMITED EXEMPTIONS FROM*
5 *MANNING AND CREW REQUIREMENT.*—Chapter 81 of title
6 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
7 the following:

8 **“§ 8109. Exemptions from manning and crew require-**
9 **ments**

10 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary may provide an ex-
11 *emption described in subsection (b) to the owner or operator*
12 *of a covered facility if each individual who is manning or*
13 *crewing the covered facility is—*

14 “(1) *a citizen of the United States;*

15 “(2) *an alien lawfully admitted to the United*
16 *States for permanent residence; or*

17 “(3) *a citizen of the nation under the laws of*
18 *which the vessel is documented.*

19 “(b) *REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR EXEMP-*
20 *TION.*—An exemption under this subsection is an exemption
21 *from the regulations established pursuant to section*
22 *302(a)(3) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43*
23 *U.S.C. 1356(a)(3)).*

24 “(c) *LIMITATIONS.*—An exemption under this sec-
25 *tion—*

1 “(1) shall provide that the number of individuals
2 manning or crewing the covered facility who are de-
3 scribed in paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (a)
4 may not exceed two and one-half times the number
5 of individuals required to man or crew the covered fa-
6 cility under the laws of the nation under the laws of
7 which the covered facility is documented; and

8 “(2) shall be effective for not more than 12
9 months, but may be renewed by application to and
10 approval by the Secretary.

11 “(d) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for an exemption
12 or a renewal of an exemption under this section, the owner
13 or operator of a covered facility shall apply to the Secretary
14 with an application that includes a sworn statement by the
15 applicant of all information required for the issuance of
16 the exemption.

17 “(e) REVOCATION.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary—

19 “(A) may revoke an exemption for a covered
20 facility under this section if the Secretary deter-
21 mines that information provided in the applica-
22 tion for the exemption was false or incomplete,
23 or is no longer true or complete; and

24 “(B) shall immediately revoke such an ex-
25 emption if the Secretary determines that the cov-

1 *ered facility, in the effective period of the exemp-*
2 *tion, was manned or crewed in a manner not*
3 *authorized by the exemption.*

4 “(2) *NOTICE REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall*
5 *provides notice of a determination under subpara-*
6 *graph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) to the owner or*
7 *operator of the covered facility.*

8 “(f) *REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE.—The Secretary shall*
9 *periodically, but not less than once annually, inspect each*
10 *covered facility that operates under an exemption under*
11 *this section to verify the owner or operator of the covered*
12 *facility’s compliance with the exemption. During an inspec-*
13 *tion under this subsection, the Secretary shall require all*
14 *crew members serving under the exemption to hold a valid*
15 *transportation security card issued under section 70105.*

16 “(g) *PENALTY.—In addition to revocation under sub-*
17 *section (e), the Secretary may impose on the owner or oper-*
18 *ator of a covered facility a civil penalty of \$10,000 per day*
19 *for each day the covered facility—*

20 *“(1) is manned or crewed in violation of an ex-*
21 *emption under this subsection; or*

22 *“(2) operated under an exemption under this*
23 *subsection that the Secretary determines was not val-*
24 *idly obtained.*

1 “(h) *NOTIFICATION OF SECRETARY OF STATE.*—The
2 *Secretary shall notify the Secretary of State of each exemp-*
3 *tion issued under this section, including the effective period*
4 *of the exemption.*

5 “(i) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

6 “(1) *COVERED FACILITY.*—*The term ‘covered fa-*
7 *cility’ means any vessel, rig, platform, or other vehi-*
8 *cle or structure, over 50 percent of which is owned by*
9 *citizens of a foreign nation or with respect to which*
10 *the citizens of a foreign nation have the right effec-*
11 *tively to control, except to the extent and to the degree*
12 *that the President determines that the government of*
13 *such foreign nation or any of its political subdivi-*
14 *sions has implemented, by statute, regulation, policy,*
15 *or practice, a national manning requirement for*
16 *equipment engaged in the exploring for, developing, or*
17 *producing resources, including non-mineral energy re-*
18 *sources in its offshore areas.*

19 “(2) *SECRETARY.*—*The term ‘Secretary’ means*
20 *the Secretary of the department in which the Coast*
21 *Guard is operating.”.*

22 “(b) *ANNUAL REPORT.*—

23 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 1 year after*
24 *the date of enactment of this Act, and annually there-*
25 *after, the Secretary of the department in which the*

1 *Coast Guard is operating shall submit to Committee*
2 *on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of*
3 *Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,*
4 *Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report*
5 *containing information on each letter of nonapplica-*
6 *bility of section 8109 of title 46, United States Code,*
7 *with respect to a covered facility that was issued by*
8 *the Secretary during the preceding year.*

9 (2) *CONTENTS.—The report under paragraph (1)*
10 *shall include, for each covered facility—*

11 (A) *the name and International Maritime*
12 *Organization number;*

13 (B) *the nation in which the covered facility*
14 *is documented;*

15 (C) *the nationality of owner or owners; and*

16 (D) *for any covered facility that was pre-*
17 *viously issued a letter of nonapplicability in a*
18 *prior year, any changes in the information de-*
19 *scribed in subparagraphs (A) through (C).*

20 (c) *REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the*
21 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall pro-*
22 *mulgate regulations that specify the documentary and other*
23 *requirements for the issuance of an exemption under the*
24 *amendment made by this section.*

25 (d) *EXISTING EXEMPTIONS.—*

1 (1) *EFFECT OF AMENDMENTS; TERMINATION.*—
2 *Each exemption under section 30(c)(2) of the Outer*
3 *Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1356(c)(2))*
4 *issued before the date of the enactment of this Act—*

5 (A) *shall not be affected by the amendments*
6 *made by this section during the 120-day period*
7 *beginning on the date of the enactment of this*
8 *Act; and*

9 (B) *shall not be effective after such period.*

10 (2) *NOTIFICATION OF HOLDERS.*—*Not later than*
11 *60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,*
12 *the Secretary shall notify all persons that hold such*
13 *an exemption that it will expire as provided in para-*
14 *graph (1).*

15 (e) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The analysis for chapter*
16 *81 of the title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding*
17 *at the end the following:*

 “8109. *Exemptions from manning and crew requirements.*”.

18 **SEC. 347. CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES.**

19 Section 3316(d) of title 46, United States Code, is
20 amended—

21 (1) *by amending paragraph (2)(B)(i) to read as*
22 *follows:*

23 “(i) *the government of the foreign country in*
24 *which the foreign society is headquartered—*

1 “(I) delegates that authority to the Amer-
2 ican Bureau of Shipping; or

3 “(II) does not delegate that authority to any
4 classification society; or”]; and

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

6 “(5) *CLARIFICATION ON AUTHORITY.*—Nothing
7 in this subsection authorizes the Secretary to make a
8 delegation under paragraph (2) to a classification so-
9 ciety from the People’s Republic of China.”.

10 **SEC. 348. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH SAFETY ZONES FOR**

11 **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES IN EXCLUSIVE ECO-**

12 **NOMIC ZONE.**

13 (a) *REPEAL.*—Section 8343 of the William M. (Mac)
14 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
15 Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) is repealed.

16 (b) *SPECIAL ACTIVITIES IN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC*
17 *ZONE.*—Subchapter I of chapter 700 of title 46, United
18 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

19 **“§ 70008. Special activities in exclusive economic zone**

20 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary of the department
21 in which the Coast Guard is operating may establish safety
22 zones to address special activities in the exclusive economic
23 zone.

24 “(b) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

25 “(1) *SAFETY ZONE.*—The term ‘safety zone’—

1 “(A) means a water area, shore area, or
2 water and shore area to which, for safety or en-
3 vironmental purposes, access is limited to au-
4 thorized persons, vehicles, or vessels; and

5 “(B) may be stationary and described by
6 fixed limits or may be described as a zone
7 around a vessel in motion.

8 “(2) *SPECIAL ACTIVITIES*.—The term ‘special ac-
9 tivities’ includes—

10 “(A) space activities, including launch and
11 reentry (as such terms are defined in section
12 50902 of title 51) carried out by United States
13 citizens; and

14 “(B) offshore energy development activities,
15 as described in section 8(p)(1)(C) of the Outer
16 Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.
17 1337(p)(1)(C)), on or near fixed platforms (as
18 such term is defined in section 2281(d) of title
19 18).

20 “(3) *UNITED STATES CITIZEN*.—The term
21 ‘United States citizen’ has the meaning given the
22 term ‘eligible owners’ in section 12103 of title 46,
23 *United States Code*.”

1 (c) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The analysis for chapter*
 2 *700 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by inserting*
 3 *after the item relating to section 70007 the following:*

“70008. Special activities in exclusive economic zone.”.

4 **SEC. 349. FISHING VESSEL AND FISHERMAN TRAINING**
 5 **SAFETY.**

6 *Section 4502 of title 46, United States Code, is amend-*
 7 *ed—*

8 (1) *in subsection (i)—*

9 (A) *in paragraph (1)—*

10 (i) *in subparagraph (A)(ii) by striking*
 11 *“; and” and inserting a semicolon;*

12 (ii) *by redesignating subparagraph (B)*
 13 *as subparagraph (C); and*

14 (iii) *by inserting after subparagraph*
 15 *(A) the following:*

16 “(B) *to conduct safety and prevention*
 17 *training that addresses behavioral and physical*
 18 *health risks, to include substance use disorder*
 19 *and worker fatigue, facing fishing vessel opera-*
 20 *tors and crewmembers; and”;*

21 (B) *in paragraph (2)—*

22 (i) *by striking “, in consultation with*
 23 *and based on criteria established by the*
 24 *Commandant of the Coast Guard”;* and

1 (ii) by striking “subsection on a com-
2 petitive basis” and inserting the following:

3 “subsection—

4 “(A) on a competitive basis; and

5 “(B) based on criteria developed in con-
6 sultation with the Commandant of the Coast
7 Guard”; and

8 (C) in paragraph (4) by striking

9 “\$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2023” and inserting

10 “to the Secretary of Health and Human Services

11 \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 and

12 2026”; and

13 (2) in subsection (j)—

14 (A) in paragraph (1) by inserting “, and

15 understanding and mitigating behavioral and

16 physical health risks, to include substance use

17 disorder and worker fatigue, facing members of

18 the commercial fishing industry” after “weather

19 detection”;

20 (B) in paragraph (2)—

21 (i) by striking “, in consultation with

22 and based on criteria established by the

23 Commandant of the Coast Guard,”; and

1 (ii) by striking “subsection on a com-
2 petitive basis” and inserting the following:
3 “subsection—
4 “(A) on a competitive basis; and
5 “(B) based on criteria developed in con-
6 sultation with the Commandant of the Coast
7 Guard”; and
8 (C) in paragraph (4) by striking
9 “\$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2023” and inserting
10 “to the Secretary of Health and Human Services
11 \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 and
12 2026”.

13 **SEC. 350. AUTHORITY OVER DEEPWATER PORT ACT OF 1974.**

14 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 5(a) of the Deepwater Port
15 Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1504(a)) is amended by striking
16 the first sentence and inserting “Notwithstanding section
17 888(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
18 468(b)), the Secretary shall have the authority to issue regu-
19 lations to carry out the purposes and provisions of this Act,
20 in accordance with the provisions of section 553 of title 5,
21 United States Code, without regard to subsection (a) there-
22 of.”.

23 (b) *AFFIRMING THE AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF*
24 *TRANSPORTATION OVER ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS.*—Sec-

1 *tion 5(f) of the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C.*
2 *1504(f) is amended to read as follows:*

3 “(f) *COMPLIANCE.*—*Notwithstanding section 888(b) of*
4 *the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 468(b)), the*
5 *Secretary, in cooperation with other involved Federal agen-*
6 *cies and departments, shall comply with the National Envi-*
7 *ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and*
8 *act as the lead agency under section 4336a of title 42,*
9 *United States Code, for all applications under this Act.*
10 *Such compliance shall fulfill the requirement of all Federal*
11 *agencies in carrying out their responsibilities under the Na-*
12 *tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 pursuant to this*
13 *chapter.”.*

14 (c) *REGULATIONS.*—

15 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 6 months after*
16 *the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant*
17 *shall transfer the authorities provided to the Coast*
18 *Guard in part 148 of title 33, Code of Federal Regu-*
19 *lations (as in effect on the date of the enactment of*
20 *this Act), except as provided in paragraph (2), to the*
21 *Secretary of Transportation.*

22 (2) *RETENTION OF AUTHORITY.*—*The Com-*
23 *mandant shall retain responsibility for authorities*
24 *pertaining to design, construction, equipment, and*
25 *operation of deepwater ports and navigational safety.*

1 (3) *UPDATES TO AUTHORITY.*—As soon as prac-
2 *ticable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-*
3 *retary shall issue such regulations as are necessary to*
4 *reflect the updates to authorities prescribed by this*
5 *subsection.*

6 (d) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—Nothing in this sec-
7 *tion, or the amendments made by this section, may be con-*
8 *strued to limit the authorities of other governmental agen-*
9 *cies previously delegated authorities of the Deepwater Port*
10 *Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.).*

11 (e) *APPLICATIONS.*—Nothing in this section shall
12 *apply to any application submitted before the date of enact-*
13 *ment of this Act.*

14 ***SEC. 351. NATIONAL OFFSHORE SAFETY ADVISORY COM-***
15 ***MITTEE COMPOSITION.***

16 Section 15106(c) of title 46, United States Code, is
17 *amended—*

18 (1) *in paragraph (1) by striking “15 members”*
19 *and inserting “17 members”; and*

20 (2) *in paragraph (3) by adding at the end the*
21 *following:*

22 “(L) 2 members shall represent entities en-
23 *gaged in non-mineral energy activities on the*
24 *Outer Continental Shelf.”.*

1 **SEC. 352. IMPROVING VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE MONI-**
2 **TORING.**

3 *(a) PROXIMITY OF ANCHORAGES TO PIPELINES.—*

4 *(1) IMPLEMENTATION OF RESTRUCTURING*
5 *PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enact-*
6 *ment of this Act, the Commandant shall implement*
7 *the November 2021 proposed plan of the Vessel Traffic*
8 *Service Los Angeles-Long Beach for restructuring the*
9 *Federal anchorages in San Pedro Bay described on*
10 *page 54 of the Report of the National Transportation*
11 *Safety Board titled “Anchor Strike of Underwater*
12 *Pipeline and Eventual Crude Oil Release” and issued*
13 *January 2, 2024.*

14 *(2) STUDY.—The Secretary of the department in*
15 *which the Coast Guard is operating shall conduct a*
16 *study to identify any anchorage grounds other than*
17 *the San Pedro Bay Federal anchorages in which the*
18 *distance between the center of an approved anchorage*
19 *ground and a pipeline is less than 1 mile.*

20 *(3) REPORT.—*

21 *(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years*
22 *after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-*
23 *mandant shall submit to the Committee on*
24 *Transportation and Infrastructure of the House*
25 *of Representatives and the Committee on Com-*
26 *merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate*

1 *a report on the results of the study required*
2 *under paragraph (2).*

3 *(B) CONTENTS.—The report under subpara-*
4 *graph (A) shall include—*

5 *(i) a list of the anchorage grounds de-*
6 *scribed under paragraph (2);*

7 *(ii) whether it is possible to move each*
8 *such anchorage ground to provide a min-*
9 *imum distance of 1 mile; and*

10 *(iii) a recommendation of whether to*
11 *move any such anchorage ground and ex-*
12 *planation for the recommendation.*

13 *(b) PROXIMITY TO PIPELINE ALERTS.—*

14 *(1) AUDIBLE AND VISUAL ALARMS.—The Com-*
15 *mandant shall consult with the providers of vessel*
16 *monitoring systems to add to the monitoring systems*
17 *for vessel traffic services audible and visual alarms*
18 *that alert the watchstander when an anchored vessel*
19 *is encroaching on a pipeline.*

20 *(2) NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES.—Not later than*
21 *1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the*
22 *Commandant shall develop procedures for all vessel*
23 *traffic services to notify pipeline and utility operators*
24 *following potential incursions on submerged pipelines*
25 *within the vessel traffic service area of responsibility.*

1 (3) *REPORT*.—Not later than 1 year after the
2 date of enactment of this Act, and annually there-
3 after, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee
4 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
5 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
6 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on
7 the implementation of paragraphs (1) and (2).

8 **SEC. 353. ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSEL REMOVALS.**

9 (a) *IN GENERAL*.—Chapter 47 of title 46, United
10 States Code, is amended—

11 (1) *in the chapter heading by striking*
12 “**BARGES**” and inserting “**VESSELS**”;

13 (2) *by inserting before section 4701 the following:*

14 “*SUBCHAPTER I—BARGES*”; and

15 (3) *by adding at the end the following:*

16 “*SUBCHAPTER II—NON-BARGE VESSELS*

17 **“§4710. Definitions**

18 *“In this subchapter:*

19 “(1) *ABANDON*.—The term ‘abandon’ means to
20 *moor, strand, wreck, sink, or leave a covered vessel*
21 *unattended for longer than 45 days.*

22 “(2) *COVERED VESSEL*.—The term ‘covered ves-
23 *sel’ means a vessel that is not a barge to which sub-*
24 *chapter I applies.*

1 “(3) *INDIAN TRIBE.*—*The term ‘Indian Tribe’*
2 *has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the*
3 *Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance*
4 *Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).*

5 **“§ 4711. Abandonment of vessels prohibited**

6 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*An owner or operator of a covered*
7 *vessel may not abandon such vessel on the navigable waters*
8 *of the United States.*

9 “(b) *DETERMINATION OF ABANDONMENT.*—

10 “(1) *NOTIFICATION.*—

11 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*With respect to a cov-*
12 *ered vessel that appears to be abandoned, the*
13 *Commandant of the Coast Guard shall—*

14 “(i) *attempt to identify the owner*
15 *using the vessel registration number, hull*
16 *identification number, or any other infor-*
17 *mation that can be reasonably inferred or*
18 *gathered; and*

19 “(ii) *notify such owner—*

20 “(I) *of the penalty described in*
21 *subsection (c); and*

22 “(II) *that the vessel will be re-*
23 *moved at the expense of the owner if*
24 *the Commandant determines that the*

1 vessel is abandoned and the owner does
2 not remove or account for the vessel.

3 “(B) *FORM.*—The Commandant shall pro-
4 vide the notice required under subparagraph
5 (A)—

6 “(i) if the owner can be identified, via
7 certified mail or other appropriate forms
8 determined by the Commandant; or

9 “(ii) if the owner cannot be identified,
10 via an announcement in a local publication
11 and on a website maintained by the Coast
12 Guard.

13 “(2) *DETERMINATION.*—The Commandant shall
14 make a determination not earlier than 45 days after
15 the date on which the Commandant provides the noti-
16 fication required under paragraph (1) of whether a
17 covered vessel described in such paragraph is aban-
18 doned.

19 “(c) *PENALTY.*—

20 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—The Commandant may as-
21 sess a civil penalty of not more than \$500 against an
22 owner or operator of a covered vessel determined to be
23 abandoned under subsection (b) for a violation of sub-
24 section (a).

1 “(2) *LIABILITY IN REM.*—*The owner or operator*
2 *of a covered vessel shall also be liable in rem for a*
3 *penalty imposed under paragraph (1).*

4 “(d) *VESSELS NOT ABANDONED.*—*The Commandant*
5 *may not determine that a covered vessel is abandoned under*
6 *this section if—*

7 “(1) *such vessel is located at a federally ap-*
8 *proved or State approved mooring area;*

9 “(2) *such vessel is located on private property*
10 *with the permission of the owner of such property;*

11 “(3) *the owner or operator of such vessel provides*
12 *a notification to the Commandant that—*

13 “(A) *indicates the location of the vessel;*

14 “(B) *indicates that the vessel is not aban-*
15 *doned; and*

16 “(C) *contains documentation proving that*
17 *the vessel is allowed to be in such location; or*

18 “(4) *the Commandant determines that such an*
19 *abandonment determination would not be in the pub-*
20 *lic interest.*

21 **“§4712. *Inventory of abandoned vessels***

22 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 1 year after the*
23 *date of enactment of this section, the Commandant, in con-*
24 *sultation with the Administrator of the National Oceanic*
25 *and Atmospheric Administration and relevant State agen-*

1 *cies, shall establish and maintain a national inventory of*
2 *covered vessels that are abandoned.*

3 “(b) *CONTENTS.*—*The inventory established and main-*
4 *tained under subsection (a) shall include data on each ves-*
5 *sel, including geographic information system data related*
6 *to the location of each such vessel.*

7 “(c) *PUBLICATION.*—*The Commandant shall make the*
8 *inventory established under subsection (a) publicly avail-*
9 *able on a website of the Coast Guard.*

10 “(d) *REPORTING OF POTENTIALLY ABANDONED VES-*
11 *SELS.*—*In carrying out this section, the Commandant shall*
12 *develop a process by which—*

13 “(1) *a State, Indian Tribe, or person may report*
14 *a covered vessel that may be abandoned to the Com-*
15 *mandant for potential inclusion in the inventory es-*
16 *tablished under subsection (a); and*

17 “(2) *the Commandant shall review any such re-*
18 *port and add such vessel to the inventory if the Com-*
19 *mandant determines that the reported vessel is aban-*
20 *doned pursuant to section 4711.”.*

21 “(b) *RULEMAKING.*—*The Secretary of the department*
22 *in which the Coast Guard is operating, in consultation with*
23 *the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engi-*
24 *neers, and the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the*
25 *Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, shall issue*

1 *regulations with respect to the procedures for determining*
 2 *that a vessel is abandoned for the purposes of subchapter*
 3 *II of chapter 47 of title 46, United States Code (as added*
 4 *by this section).*

5 *(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 47 of title*
 6 *46, United States Code, is amended—*

7 *(1) in section 4701—*

8 *(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)*
 9 *by striking “chapter” and inserting “sub-*
 10 *chapter”;* and

11 *(B) in paragraph (2) by striking “chapter”*
 12 *and inserting “subchapter”;*

13 *(2) in section 4703 by striking “chapter” and*
 14 *inserting “subchapter”;*

15 *(3) in section 4704 by striking “chapter” each*
 16 *place it appears and inserting “subchapter”;* and

17 *(4) in section 4705 by striking “chapter” and*
 18 *inserting “subchapter”.*

19 *(d) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The analysis for chap-*
 20 *ter 47 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

21 *(1) by inserting before the item relating to sec-*
 22 *tion 4701 the following:*

“SUBCHAPTER I—BARGES”; and

23 *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

“SUBCHAPTER II—VESSELS

“4710. Definitions.

“4711. Abandonment of vessels prohibited.

“4712. Inventory of abandoned vessels.”.

1 **SEC. 354. NEAR SHORE CABLE LAYING BARGE.**

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Until the date that is 2 years after
3 the date of enactment of this Act, and notwithstanding sub-
4 section (b), the Secretary of the department in which the
5 Coast Guard is operating may not enforce citizenship re-
6 quirements under section 8103 of title 46, United States
7 Code, or the credentialing requirements under section 8701
8 of title 46, United States Code, with respect to a covered
9 individual.

10 (b) *TRAINING.*—Until the date that is 2 years after the
11 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall ensure
12 that operators of near shore cable lay vertical trenching in-
13 jector equipment on barges on which covered individuals
14 serve—

15 (1) *develop processes and requirements for con-*
16 *ducting certification and training such individuals;*
17 *and*

18 (2) *certify and train a sufficient cadre of quali-*
19 *fied individuals.*

20 (c) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

21 (1) *COVERED INDIVIDUAL.*—The term “covered
22 individual” means an individual, including near
23 shore cable lay vertical trenching injector operators or

1 *near shore cable laying vertical trenching injector*
2 *support personnel, who is—*

3 *(A) engaged on board a barge for the pur-*
4 *pose of operating specialized equipment, includ-*
5 *ing a vertical trenching injector, necessary to lay*
6 *near shore power cable in support of non-min-*
7 *eral energy exploration, development, and pro-*
8 *duction; and*

9 *(B) not—*

10 *(i) included in the complement of li-*
11 *censed individuals to be stated in the cer-*
12 *tificate of inspection issued under chapter*
13 *33 of title 46, United States Code, to be nec-*
14 *essary by the Certificate of Inspection or to*
15 *ensure the safe navigation of such vessel; or*

16 *(ii) a member of the steward's depart-*
17 *ment on such a barge.*

18 (2) *QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “quali-*
19 *fied individual” means an individual qualified to—*

20 *(A) serve on a vessel documented under*
21 *chapter 121 of the title 46, United States Code,*
22 *under section 8103 of such title;*

23 *(B) receive a merchant mariner credential*
24 *under section 8701 of title 46, United States*
25 *Code; and*

1 (C) available to operate and support the op-
2 eration of specialized near shore cable lay
3 vertical trenching injectors on United States-doc-
4 umented barges in support of United States off-
5 shore non-mineral energy exploration, develop-
6 ment, and production.

7 **SEC. 355. ANCHORAGES.**

8 Section 8437 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry Na-
9 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Pub-
10 lic Law 116–283) is amended—

11 (1) by striking subsections (d) and (e);

12 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection
13 (d); and

14 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(c) *PROHIBITION.*—The Commandant shall prohibit
17 any vessel anchoring on the reach of the Hudson River de-
18 scribed in subsection (a) unless such anchoring is within
19 any anchorage established before January 1, 2021.”.

20 **TITLE IV—OIL POLLUTION**
21 **INCIDENT LIABILITY**

22 **SEC. 401. VESSEL RESPONSE PLANS.**

23 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 311(j)(6) of the Federal
24 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)(6)) is
25 amended to read as follows:

1 “(6) *EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS, VERIFICATION,*
2 *AND INSPECTION.*—

3 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The President may re-*
4 *quire—*

5 “(i) *periodic inspection of containment*
6 *booms, skimmers, vessels, and other major*
7 *equipment used to remove discharges;*

8 “(ii) *periodic inspection of vessels, sal-*
9 *vage and marine firefighting equipment,*
10 *and other major equipment used to respond*
11 *to marine casualties or prevent discharges;*

12 “(iii) *periodic verification of capabili-*
13 *ties to appropriately, and in a timely man-*
14 *ner, respond to a marine casualty, a worst*
15 *case discharge, or a substantial threat of a*
16 *discharge, including—*

17 “(I) *drills, with or without prior*
18 *notice;*

19 “(II) *review of contracts and rel-*
20 *evant third-party agreements;*

21 “(III) *testing of equipment;*

22 “(IV) *review of training; and*

23 “(V) *other evaluations of response*
24 *capabilities, as determined appropriate*
25 *by the President; and*

1 “(iv) vessels operating on navigable
2 waters and carrying oil or a hazardous sub-
3 stance in bulk as cargo, and nontank vessels
4 carrying oil of any kind as fuel for main
5 propulsion, to carry appropriate removal
6 equipment that employs the best technology
7 economically feasible and that is compatible
8 with the safe operation of the vessel.

9 “(B) MARINE CASUALTY.—In this para-
10 graph, the term ‘marine casualty’ means a ma-
11 rine casualty that is required to be reported pur-
12 suant to section 6101 of title 46, United States
13 Code.”.

14 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after
16 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
17 General of the United States shall submit to the Com-
18 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
19 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
20 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a
21 report on the state of marine firefighting authorities,
22 jurisdiction, plan review, and other considerations
23 with respect to vessel fires at waterfront facilities and
24 within the navigable waters of the United States up
25 to 3 nautical miles from the shoreline.

1 (2) *CONTENTS.*—*In carrying out paragraph (1),*
2 *the Comptroller General shall—*

3 (A) *examine factors that affect Federal and*
4 *non-Federal collaboration aimed at reducing ves-*
5 *sel and waterfront facility fire risk to local com-*
6 *munities;*

7 (B) *focus on the prevalence and frequency of*
8 *vessel fires described in paragraph (1); and*

9 (C) *make recommendations for prepared-*
10 *ness, responses to, training for, and other items*
11 *for consideration.*

12 **SEC. 402. USE OF MARINE CASUALTY INVESTIGATIONS.**

13 *Section 6308 of title 46, United States Code, is amend-*
14 *ed—*

15 (1) *in subsection (a) by striking “initiated” and*
16 *inserting “conducted”; and*

17 (2) *by adding at the end the following:*

18 “(e) *For purposes of this section, an administrative*
19 *proceeding conducted by the United States includes pro-*
20 *ceedings under section 7701 and claims adjudicated under*
21 *section 1013 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C.*
22 *2713).”.*

23 **SEC. 403. TIMING OF REVIEW.**

24 *Section 1017 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33*
25 *U.S.C. 2717) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

1 “(g) *TIMING OF REVIEW.*—Before the date of comple-
2 tion of a removal action, no person may bring an action
3 under this Act, section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution
4 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321), or chapter 7 of title 5, United
5 States Code, challenging any decision relating to such re-
6 moval action that is made by an on-scene coordinator ap-
7 pointed under the National Contingency Plan.”.

8 **SEC. 404. ONLINE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM.**

9 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 2 years after the
10 date of enactment of this Act, the National Response Center
11 shall—

12 (1) develop an online capacity through a web-
13 based application to receive a notification of an oil
14 discharge or release of a hazardous substance; and

15 (2) allow any such notification to the National
16 Response Center that is required under Federal law
17 or regulation to be made online using the application.

18 (b) *USE OF APPLICATION.*—In carrying out subsection
19 (a), the National Response Center may not require the noti-
20 fication of an oil discharge or release of a hazardous sub-
21 stance to be made using the application developed under
22 such subsection.

1 **TITLE V—IMPLEMENTATION OF**
2 **ACCOUNTABILITY AND**
3 **TRANSPARENCY REVIEW REC-**
4 **COMMENDATIONS**

5 **SEC. 501. IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF DIRECTED AC-**
6 **TIONS.**

7 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 51 of title 14, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

9 **“§ 5116. Implementation status of directed actions**

10 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than March 1, 2025, and
11 not later than March 1 of each of the 3 subsequent years
12 thereafter, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee
13 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
15 Transportation of the Senate a report on the status of the
16 implementation of each directed action outlined in enclo-
17 sure 1 of the memorandum of the Commandant titled ‘Com-
18 mandant’s Directed Actions—Accountability and Trans-
19 parency’, dated November 27, 2023.

20 “(b) *CONTENTS.*—The report required under section
21 (a) shall contain the following:

22 “(1) The status of the implementation of each di-
23 rected action from enclosure 1 of the memorandum ti-
24 tled ‘Commandant’s Directed Actions—Accountability
25 and Transparency’ dated November 27, 2023.

1 “(2) *A plan and timeline for the next steps to be*
2 *taken to complete outstanding directed actions in en-*
3 *closure 1 of the memorandum titled ‘Commandant’s*
4 *Directed Actions—Accountability and Transparency’*
5 *dated November 27, 2023, including identifying the*
6 *individual the Commandant has selected to ensure the*
7 *successful completion of each directed action.*

8 “(3) *Metrics to determine the effectiveness of each*
9 *directed action in such enclosure.*

10 “(4) *Any additional actions the Commandant is*
11 *taking to mitigate instances of sexual assault and sex-*
12 *ual harassment within the Coast Guard.”.*

13 **(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—*The analysis for chapter*
14 *51 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding*
15 *at the end the following:*

 “5116. *Implementation status of directed actions.*”.

16 **SEC. 502. INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF COAST GUARD RE-**
17 **FORMS.**

18 **(a) GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE RE-**
19 **PORT.**—

20 **(1) IN GENERAL.**—*Not later than 1 year after*
21 *the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller*
22 *General of the United States shall report to the Com-*
23 *mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the*
24 *House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-*
25 *merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate on*

1 *the efforts of the Coast Guard to mitigate cases of sex-*
2 *ual assault and sexual harassment within the service.*

3 (2) *ELEMENTS.—The report required under*
4 *paragraph (1) shall—*

5 (A) *evaluate—*

6 (i) *the efforts of the Commandant to*
7 *implement the directed actions from enclo-*
8 *sure 1 of the memorandum titled “Com-*
9 *mandant’s Directed Actions—Account-*
10 *ability and Transparency” dated November*
11 *27, 2023;*

12 (ii) *whether the Commandant met the*
13 *reporting requirements under section 5112*
14 *of title 14, United States Code; and*

15 (iii) *the effectiveness of the actions of*
16 *the Coast Guard, including efforts outside of*
17 *the actions described in the memorandum*
18 *titled “Commandant’s Directed Actions—*
19 *Accountability and Transparency” dated*
20 *November 27, 2023, to mitigate instances of*
21 *sexual assault and sexual harassment and*
22 *improve the enforcement relating to such in-*
23 *stances within the Coast Guard, and how*
24 *the Coast Guard is overcoming challenges in*
25 *implementing such actions.*

1 (B) make recommendations to the Com-
2 mandant for improvements to the efforts of the
3 service to mitigate instances of sexual assault
4 and sexual harassment and improve the enforce-
5 ment relating to such instances within the Coast
6 Guard; and

7 (C) make recommendations to the Com-
8 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
9 the House of Representatives and the Committee
10 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
11 the Senate to mitigate instances of sexual assault
12 and sexual harassment in the Coast Guard and
13 improve the enforcement relating to such in-
14 stances within the Coast Guard, including pro-
15 posed changes to any legislative authorities.

16 (b) *REPORT BY COMMANDANT.*—Not later than 90
17 days after the date on which the Comptroller General com-
18 pletes all actions under subsection (a), the Commandant
19 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-
20 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
21 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
22 Senate a report that includes the following:

23 (1) A plan for Coast Guard implementation, in-
24 cluding interim milestones and timeframes, of any
25 recommendation made by the Comptroller General

1 *under subsection (a)(2)(B) with which the Com-*
2 *mandant concurs.*

3 (2) *With respect to any recommendation made*
4 *under subsection (a)(2)(B) with which the Com-*
5 *mandant does not concur, an explanation of the rea-*
6 *sons why the Commandant does not concur.*

7 **SEC. 503. REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN CERTAIN RECORDS.**

8 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Chapter 9 of title 14, United States*
9 *Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

10 **“§955. Requirement to maintain certain records**

11 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Commandant shall maintain*
12 *all work product related to final action documenting a dis-*
13 *position decision on an investigation by the Coast Guard*
14 *Investigative Service or other law enforcement entity inves-*
15 *tigating a Coast Guard member accused of misconduct for*
16 *not less than 7 years from date of the disposition decision.*

17 “(b) *FINAL ACTION MEMO.*—*Upon a final action docu-*
18 *menting a disposition decision described in subsection (a),*
19 *the convening authority or final decision making authority,*
20 *as applicable, shall sign a final action memo that includes*
21 *the following:*

22 “(1) *A reference section listing the materials re-*
23 *viewed in making a disposition decision.*

1 “(2) *The Coast Guard Investigative Service re-*
2 *port of investigation listed as either a reference or an*
3 *enclosure.*

4 “(3) *The prosecution memo, signed by the con-*
5 *vening authority or the final decision making author-*
6 *ity, listed and included as an enclosure.*

7 “(4) *The completed Coast Guard Investigative*
8 *Service report of adjudication listed and included as*
9 *an enclosure.*

10 “(5) *The disposition decision.*

11 “(c) *WORK PRODUCT.—In this section, the term ‘work*
12 *product’ includes—*

13 “(1) *a prosecution memo;*

14 “(2) *emails, notes, and other correspondence re-*
15 *lated to a disposition decision; and*

16 “(3) *the content described in paragraphs (1)*
17 *through (5) of subsection (b).”.*

18 “(b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter*
19 *9 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding*
20 *at the end the following:*

 “955. *Requirement to maintain certain records.*”.

21 **SEC. 504. STUDY ON COAST GUARD ACADEMY OVERSIGHT.**

22 “(a) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the*
23 *date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in con-*
24 *sultation with relevant stakeholders, shall conduct a study*
25 *on the governance of the Coast Guard Academy, including*

1 *examining the roles, responsibilities, authorities, advisory*
2 *functions, and membership qualifications and expertise of*
3 *the Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of such Acad-*
4 *emy.*

5 *(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of*
6 *enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the*
7 *Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the*
8 *House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,*
9 *Science, and Transportation of the Senate a written report*
10 *that contains—*

11 *(1) the results of the study required under sub-*
12 *section (a); and*

13 *(2) recommendations to improve governance at*
14 *the Coast Guard Academy.*

15 **SEC. 505. PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF A CADET WHO**
16 **IS THE VICTIM OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT OR RE-**
17 **LATED OFFENSE.**

18 *Section 1902 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-*
19 *ed by adding at the end the following:*

20 *“(f) CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF*
21 *CADET WHO IS THE VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR RE-*
22 *LATED OFFENSE.—*

23 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall pro-*
24 *vide for timely consideration of and action on a re-*
25 *quest submitted by a cadet appointed to the Coast*

1 *Guard Academy who is the victim of an alleged sex-*
2 *ual assault or other offense covered by section 920,*
3 *920c, or 930 of title 10 (article 120, 120c, or 130 of*
4 *the Uniform Code of Military Justice) for transfer to*
5 *a Service Academy or to enroll in a Senior Reserve*
6 *Officers' Training Corps program affiliated with an-*
7 *other institution of higher education.*

8 “(2) *RULEMAKING.—The Commandant shall pre-*
9 *scribe regulations to carry out this subsection that—*

10 “(A) *ensure that any cadet who has been*
11 *appointed to the Coast Guard Academy is in-*
12 *formed of the right to request a transfer pursu-*
13 *ant to this subsection, and that any formal re-*
14 *quest submitted by a cadet is processed as expe-*
15 *ditiously as practicable for review and action by*
16 *the Superintendent;*

17 “(B) *direct the Superintendent of the Coast*
18 *Guard Academy, in coordination with the Su-*
19 *perintendent of the Service Academy to which*
20 *the cadet requests to transfer—*

21 “(i) *to act on a request for transfer*
22 *under this subsection not later than 72*
23 *hours after receiving the formal request*
24 *from the cadet;*

1 “(ii) to approve such request for trans-
2 fer unless there are exceptional cir-
3 cumstances that require denial of the re-
4 quest; and

5 “(iii) upon approval of such request, to
6 take all necessary and appropriate action to
7 effectuate the transfer of the cadet to the
8 Service Academy concerned as expeditiously
9 as possible; and

10 “(C) direct the Superintendent of the Coast
11 Guard Academy, in coordination with the Sec-
12 retary of the military department that sponsors
13 the Senior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps pro-
14 gram at the institution of higher education to
15 which the cadet requests to transfer—

16 “(i) to act on a request for transfer
17 under this subsection not later than 72
18 hours after receiving the formal request
19 from the cadet;

20 “(ii) subject to the cadet’s acceptance
21 for admission to the institution of higher
22 education to which the cadet wishes to
23 transfer, to approve such request for trans-
24 fer unless there are exceptional cir-

1 *cumstances that require denial of the re-*
2 *quest; and*

3 *“(iii) to take all necessary and appro-*
4 *priate action to effectuate the cadet’s enroll-*
5 *ment in the institution of higher education*
6 *to which the cadet wishes to transfer and to*
7 *process the cadet for participation in the*
8 *relevant Senior Reserve Officers’ Training*
9 *Corps program as expeditiously as possible.*

10 “(3) *DENIAL OF TRANSFER REQUEST.—If the*
11 *Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy denies a*
12 *request for transfer under this subsection, the cadet*
13 *may request review of the denial by the Secretary of*
14 *the Department in which the Coast Guard is oper-*
15 *ating, who shall act on such request not later than 72*
16 *hours after receipt of the formal request for review.*

17 “(4) *CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS.—The Sec-*
18 *retary of the Department in which the Coast Guard*
19 *is operating shall ensure that all records of any re-*
20 *quest, determination, transfer, or other action under*
21 *this subsection remain confidential, consistent with*
22 *applicable law and regulation.*

23 “(5) *APPOINTMENT TO SERVICE ACADEMY.—A*
24 *cadet who transfers under this subsection may retain*
25 *the cadet’s appointment to the Coast Guard Academy*

1 *or may be appointed to the Service Academy to which*
2 *the cadet transfers without regard to the limitations*
3 *and requirements described in sections 7442, 8454,*
4 *and 9442 of title 10.*

5 *“(6) APPOINTMENT UPON GRADUATION.—*

6 *“(A) PREFERENCE.—A cadet who transfers*
7 *under this subsection to a Service Academy, is*
8 *entitled, before graduating from such Academy,*
9 *to state the preference of the cadet for appoint-*
10 *ment, upon graduation, as a commissioned offi-*
11 *cer in the Coast Guard.*

12 *“(B) MANNER OF APPOINTMENT.—Upon*
13 *graduation, a cadet described in subparagraph*
14 *(A) is entitled to be accepted for appointment as*
15 *a permanent commissioned officer in the Regular*
16 *Coast Guard in the same manner as graduates*
17 *of the Coast Guard Academy as described in sec-*
18 *tion 2101.*

19 *“(7) COMMISSION INTO COAST GUARD.—A cadet*
20 *who transfers under this subsection to a Senior Re-*
21 *serve Officers’ Training Corps program affiliated*
22 *with another institution of higher education is enti-*
23 *tled upon graduation from the Senior Reserve Offi-*
24 *cers’ Training program to commission into the Coast*
25 *Guard as described in section 3738a.*

1 “(8) *SERVICE ACADEMY DEFINED.*—*In this sub-*
2 *section, the term ‘Service Academy’ has the meaning*
3 *given such term in section 347 of title 10.’.*”

4 **SEC. 506. DESIGNATION OF OFFICERS WITH PARTICULAR**
5 **EXPERTISE IN MILITARY JUSTICE OR**
6 **HEALTHCARE.**

7 *(a) IN GENERAL.*—*Subchapter I of chapter 21 of title*
8 *14, United States Code is amended by adding at the end*
9 *the following:*

10 **“§2132. Designation of officers with particular exper-**
11 **tise in military justice or healthcare**

12 “(a) *SECRETARY DESIGNATION.*—*The Secretary may*
13 *designate a limited number of officers of the Coast Guard*
14 *as having particular expertise in—*

15 “(1) *military justice; or*

16 “(2) *healthcare.*

17 “(b) *PROMOTION AND GRADE.*—*An individual des-*
18 *ignated under this section—*

19 “(1) *shall not be included on the active duty pro-*
20 *motion list;*

21 “(2) *shall be promoted under section 2126; and*

22 “(3) *may not be promoted to a grade higher than*
23 *captain.’.*”

1 (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The analysis for chapter*
2 *21 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting*
3 *after the item relating to section 2131 the following:*

 “2132. *Designation of officers with particular expertise in military justice or*
 healthcare.”.

4 (c) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—

5 (1) *Section 2102(a) of title 14, United States*
6 *Code, is amended, in the second sentence, by striking*
7 *“and officers of the permanent commissioned teaching*
8 *staff of the Coast Guard Academy” and inserting “of-*
9 *icers of the permanent commissioned teaching staff of*
10 *the Coast Guard Academy, and officers designated by*
11 *the Secretary pursuant to section 2132”.*

12 (2) *Subsection (e) of section 2103 of title 14,*
13 *United States Code, is amended to read as follows:*

14 “*(e) SECRETARY TO PRESCRIBE NUMBERS FOR CER-*
15 *TAIN OFFICERS.*—*The Secretary shall prescribe the number*
16 *of officers authorized to be serving on active duty in each*
17 *grade of—*

18 “*(1) the permanent commissioned teaching staff*
19 *of the Coast Guard Academy;*

20 “*(2) the officers designated by the Secretary pur-*
21 *suant to section 2132; and*

22 “*(3) the officers of the Reserve serving in connec-*
23 *tion with organizing, administering, recruiting, in-*
24 *structing, or training the reserve components.*”.

1 (3) *Section 2126 of title 14, United States Code,*
 2 *is amended, in the second sentence, by inserting “and*
 3 *as to officers designated by the Secretary pursuant to*
 4 *section 2132” after “reserve components”.*

5 (4) *Section 3736(a) of title 14, United States*
 6 *Code, is amended—*

7 (A) *in the first sentence by striking “pro-*
 8 *motion list and the” and inserting “promotion*
 9 *list, officers designated by the Secretary pursu-*
 10 *ant to section 2132, and the officers on the”;* and

11 (B) *in the second sentence by striking “pro-*
 12 *motion list or the” and inserting “promotion*
 13 *list, officers designated by the Secretary pursu-*
 14 *ant to section 2132, or the officers on the”.*

15 **SEC. 507. DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN PER-**
 16 **SONNEL OF COAST GUARD.**

17 (a) *IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 25 of title*
 18 *14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end*
 19 *the following:*

20 **“§2517. Direct hire authority for certain personnel of**
 21 **Coast Guard**

22 “(a) *IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may appoint,*
 23 *without regard to the provisions of subchapter I of chapter*
 24 *33 of title 5 (other than section 3303 and 3328 of such chap-*
 25 *ter), qualified candidates to any non-clinical specialist in-*

1 tended to engage in the integrated primary prevention of
2 harmful behaviors, including suicide, sexual assault, har-
3 assment, domestic abuse, and child abuse and qualified can-
4 didates to any criminal investigative law enforcement posi-
5 tion of the Coast Guard Criminal Investigative Service in-
6 tended to engage in the primary response to such harmful
7 behaviors.

8 “(b) *SUNSET*.—Effective on September 30, 2034, the
9 authority provided under subsection (a) shall cease.”.

10 (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT*.—The analysis for chapter
11 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting
12 after the item related to section 2516 the following:

“2517. Direct hire authority for certain personnel of United States Coast Guard.”.

13 **SEC. 508. SAFE-TO-REPORT POLICY FOR COAST GUARD.**

14 (a) *IN GENERAL*.—Subchapter I of chapter 19 of title
15 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at
16 the end the following:

17 **“§ 1908. Safe-to-report policy for Coast Guard**

18 “(a) *IN GENERAL*.—The Secretary of the department
19 in which the Coast Guard is operating shall, in consultation
20 with the Secretaries of the military departments, issue such
21 regulations as are necessary to establish the safe-to-report
22 policy described in subsection (b) that applies with respect
23 to all members of the Coast Guard (including members of
24 the reserve and auxiliary components of the Coast Guard)
25 and cadets at the Coast Guard Academy.

1 “(b) *SAFE-TO-REPORT POLICY.*—*The safe-to-report*
2 *policy described in this subsection is a policy that prescribes*
3 *the handling of minor collateral misconduct involving a*
4 *member of the Coast Guard who is the alleged victim or*
5 *reporting witness of a sexual assault.*

6 “(c) *MITIGATING AND AGGRAVATING CIR-*
7 *CUMSTANCES.*—*In issuing regulations under subsection (a),*
8 *the Secretary shall specify mitigating circumstances that*
9 *decrease the gravity of minor collateral misconduct or the*
10 *impact of such misconduct on good order and discipline and*
11 *aggravating circumstances that increase the gravity of*
12 *minor collateral misconduct or the impact of such mis-*
13 *conduct on good order and discipline for purposes of the*
14 *safe-to-report policy.*

15 “(d) *TRACKING OF COLLATERAL MISCONDUCT INCI-*
16 *DENTS.*—*In conjunction with the issuance of regulations*
17 *under subsection (a), Secretary shall develop and imple-*
18 *ment a process to anonymously track incidents of minor*
19 *collateral misconduct that are subject to the safe-to-report*
20 *policy established under such regulations.*

21 “(e) *MINOR COLLATERAL MISCONDUCT DEFINED.*—*In*
22 *this section, the term ‘minor collateral misconduct’ means*
23 *any minor misconduct that is punishable under chapter 47*
24 *of title 10 that—*

1 “(1) is committed close in time to or during a
2 sexual assault and directly related to the incident
3 that formed the basis of the sexual assault allegation;

4 “(2) is discovered as a direct result of the report
5 of sexual assault or the ensuing investigation into
6 such sexual assault; and

7 “(3) does not involve aggravating circumstances
8 (as specified in the regulations issued under sub-
9 section (a)) that increase the gravity of the minor
10 misconduct or the impact of such misconduct on good
11 order and discipline.”.

12 (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—The analysis for chapter
13 19 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended by
14 inserting after the item relating to section 1907 (as added
15 by this Act) the following:

“1908. Safe-to-report policy for Coast Guard.”.

16 **SEC. 509. MODIFICATION OF DELIVERY DATE OF COAST**
17 **GUARD SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORT.**

18 Section 5112(a) of title 14, United States Code, is
19 amended by striking “January 15” and inserting “March
20 1”.

21 **SEC. 510. HIGHER-LEVEL REVIEW OF BOARD OF DETER-**
22 **MINATION DECISIONS.**

23 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 2158 of title 14, United
24 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) *in the first sentence by striking “The Sec-*
2 *retary” and inserting the following:*

3 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;* and

4 (2) *by adding at the end the following:*

5 *“(b) HIGHER-LEVEL REVIEW OF SEXUAL ASSAULT*
6 *CASES.—*

7 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—If a board convened under*
8 *this section determines that the officer should be re-*
9 *tained when the officer’s record indicates that the offi-*
10 *cer has committed a sexual assault offense, the board*
11 *shall forward the record of the proceedings and rec-*
12 *ommendation of the board for higher-level review, in*
13 *accordance with regulations prescribed by the Sec-*
14 *retary.*

15 *“(2) AUTHORITY.—The official exercising higher-*
16 *level review shall have authority to forward the case*
17 *for consideration by a Board of Inquiry in accord-*
18 *ance with section 2159.*

19 *“(c) SEXUAL ASSAULT OFFENSE DEFINED.—In this*
20 *section, the term ‘sexual assault offense’ means a violation*
21 *of section 920 or 920b of title 10, United States Code (arti-*
22 *cle 120 or 120b of the Uniform Code of Military Justice)*
23 *or attempt to commit an offense specified under section 920*
24 *or 920b as punishable under section 880 of such title (arti-*
25 *cle 80 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice).”.*

1 **SEC. 511. REVIEW OF DISCHARGE OR DISMISSAL.**

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Subchapter I of chapter 25 of title
3 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at
4 the end the following:

5 **“§2518. Review of discharge or dismissal**

6 “(a) *DOWNGRADE.*—

7 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—In addition to the require-
8 ments of section 1553 of title 10, a board of review
9 for a former member of the Coast Guard established
10 pursuant to such section may, upon a motion of the
11 board and subject to review by the Secretary of the de-
12 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating,
13 downgrade an honorable discharge or dismissal to a
14 general (under honorable conditions) discharge or dis-
15 missal upon a finding that a former member of the
16 Coast Guard, while serving on active duty as a mem-
17 ber of the armed forces, committed sexual assault or
18 sexual harassment in violation of section 920, 920b,
19 or 934 of this title (article 120, 120b, or 134 of the
20 Uniform Code of Military Justice).

21 “(2) *EVIDENCE.*—Any downgrade under para-
22 graph (1) shall be supported by clear and convincing
23 evidence.

24 “(3) *LIMITATION.*—The review board under
25 paragraph (1) may not downgrade a discharge or dis-
26 missal of a former member of the Coast Guard if the

1 same action described in paragraph (1) was consid-
2 ered prior to separation from active duty by an ad-
3 ministrative board in determining the characteriza-
4 tion of discharge as otherwise provided by law and in
5 accordance with regulations prescribed by the Sec-
6 retary of the Department in which the Coast Guard
7 is operating.

8 “(b) *PROCEDURAL RIGHTS.*—

9 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—A review by a board estab-
10 lished under section 1553 of title 10 shall be based on
11 the records of the armed forces concerned and such
12 other evidence as may be presented to the board.

13 “(2) *EVIDENCE BY WITNESS.*—A witness may
14 present evidence to the board in person or by affi-
15 davit.

16 “(3) *APPEARANCE BEFORE BOARD.*—A person
17 who requests a review under this section may appear
18 before the board in person or by counsel or an accred-
19 ited representative of an organization recognized by
20 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under chapter 59 of
21 title 38.

22 “(4) *NOTIFICATION.*—A former member of the
23 Coast Guard who is subject to a downgrade in dis-
24 charge characterization review under subsection (b)(3)
25 shall be notified in writing of such proceedings, af-

1 **SEC. 513. COAST GUARD ACADEMY ROOM REASSIGNMENT.**

2 *Section 1902 of title 14, United States Code, is further*
 3 *amended by adding at the end the following:*

4 *“(g) ROOM REASSIGNMENT.—Coast Guard Academy*
 5 *Cadets may request room reassignment if experiencing dis-*
 6 *comfort due to Coast Guard Academy rooming assign-*
 7 *ments.”*

8 **TITLE VI—AMENDMENTS**

9 **SEC. 601. AMENDMENTS.**

10 *(a) PROHIBITION ON ENTRY AND OPERATION.—Sec-*
 11 *tion 70022(b)(1) of title 46, United States Code, is amended*
 12 *by striking “Federal Register” and inserting “the Federal*
 13 *Register”.*

14 *(b) PORT, HARBOR, AND COASTAL FACILITY SECU-*
 15 *RITY.—Section 70116(b) of title 46, United States Code, is*
 16 *amended—*

17 *(1) in paragraph (1) by striking “terrorism*
 18 *cyber” and inserting “terrorism, cyber”; and*

19 *(2) in paragraph (2) by inserting a comma after*
 20 *“acts of terrorism”.*

21 *(c) ENFORCEMENT BY STATE AND LOCAL OFFICERS.—*
 22 *Section 70118(a) of title 46, United States Code, is amend-*
 23 *ed—*

24 *(1) by striking “section 1 of title II of the Act*
 25 *of June 15, 1917 (chapter 30; 50 U.S.C. 191)” and*
 26 *inserting “section 70051”; and*

1 (2) *by striking “section 7(b) of the Ports and*
2 *Waterways Safety Act (33 U.S.C. 1226(b))” and in-*
3 *serting “section 70116(b)”.*

4 (d) *CHAPTER 701 DEFINITIONS.—Section 70131(2) of*
5 *title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

6 (1) *by striking “section 1 of title II of the Act*
7 *of June 15, 1917 (50 U.S.C. 191)” and inserting “sec-*
8 *tion 70051”;* and

9 (2) *by striking “section 7(b) of the Ports and*
10 *Waterways Safety Act (33 U.S.C. 1226(b))” and in-*
11 *serting “section 70116(b)”.*

12 (e) *NOTICE OF ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSELS*
13 *ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—*

14 (1) *PREPARATORY CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—*
15 *Section 70001 of title 46, United States Code, is*
16 *amended by redesignating subsections (l) and (m) as*
17 *subsections (m) and (n), respectively.*

18 (2) *TRANSFER OF PROVISION.—Section 704 of*
19 *the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act*
20 *2012 (Public Law 112–213; 46 U.S.C. 70001 note)*
21 *is—*

22 (A) *amended by striking “of title 46, United*
23 *States Code,”;*

24 (B) *transferred to appear after 70001(k) of*
25 *title 46, United States Code; and*

1 (C) redesignated as subsection (l).

2 (f) *TITLE 46.*—*Title 46, United States Code, is amend-*
3 *ed as follows:*

4 (1) *Section 2101(2) is amended by striking “sec-*
5 *tion 1” and inserting “section 101”.*

6 (2) *Section 2116(b)(1)(D) is amended by strik-*
7 *ing “section 93(c)” and inserting “section 504(c)”.*

8 (3) *In the analysis for subtitle VII by striking*
9 *the period after “70001” in the item relating to chap-*
10 *ter 700.*

11 (4) *In the analysis for chapter 700 by striking*
12 *the item relating to section 70006 and inserting the*
13 *following:*

*“70006. Establishment by Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard
is operating of anchorage grounds and regulations generally.”.*

14 (5) *In the heading for subchapter IV in the anal-*
15 *ysis for chapter 700 by inserting a comma after*
16 *“DEFINITIONS”.*

17 (6) *In the heading for subchapter VI in the anal-*
18 *ysis for chapter 700 by striking “OF THE*
19 *UNITED” and inserting “OF UNITED”.*

20 (7) *Section 70052(e)(1) is amended by striking*
21 *“section 4197 of the Revised Statutes of the United*
22 *States (46 U.S.C. App. 91)” and inserting “section*
23 *60105”.*

1 (g) *OIL POLLUTION ACT OF 1990.—The Oil Pollution*
2 *Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) is amended as follows:*

3 (1) *Section 1001(32)(G) (33 U.S.C. 2701(32)(G))*
4 *is amended by striking “pipeline” and all that follows*
5 *through “offshore facility” and inserting “pipeline,*
6 *offshore facility”.*

7 (2) *Section 1016 (33 U.S.C. 2716) is amended—*

8 (A) *by redesignating subsections (e) through*
9 *(i) as subsections (d) through (h), respectively;*
10 *and*

11 (B) *in subsection (e)(1)(B), as redesignated*
12 *by subparagraph (A), by striking “subsection*
13 *(e)” and inserting “subsection (d)”.*

14 (3) *Section 1012(b)(2) (33 U.S.C. 2712(b)(2)) is*
15 *amended by striking “section 1016(f)(1)” and insert-*
16 *ing “section 1016(e)(1)”.*

17 (4) *Section 1005(b)(5)(B) (33 U.S.C.*
18 *2705(b)(5)(B)) is amended by striking “section*
19 *1016(g)” and inserting “section 1016(f)”.*

20 (5) *Section 1018(c) (33 U.S.C. 2718(c)) is*
21 *amended by striking “the Act of March 3, 1851 (46*
22 *U.S.C. 183 et seq.)” and inserting “chapter 305 of*
23 *title 46, United States Code”.*

1 (6) *Section 7001(h)(1) (33 U.S.C. 2761(h)(1)) is*
2 *amended by striking “subsection (c)(4)” and inserting*
3 *“subsection (e)(4)”.*

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