

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3389

To authorize safety and prevention training programs for fishing vessel operators and crewmembers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 4, 2023

Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To authorize safety and prevention training programs for fishing vessel operators and crewmembers, and for other purposes.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fishing Industry Safe-
5 ty, Health, and Wellness Improvement Act of 2023” or
6 the “FISH Wellness Act of 2023”.

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

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

5 (1) in subsection (i)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1)—

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

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

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

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

18 (B) by striking paragraph (3);

19 (C) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
20 paragraph (3); and

21 (D) in paragraph (3), as redesignated by
22 subparagraph (C), by striking “\$3,000,000 for
23 fiscal year 2023” and inserting “\$6,000,000 for
24 each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025”;

25 (2) in subsection (j)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and se-
2 vere weather detection” and inserting “severe
3 weather detection, and understanding and miti-
4 gating behavioral and physical health risks, to
5 include substance use disorder and worker fa-
6 tigue, facing members of the commercial fishing
7 industry”;

8 (B) by striking paragraph (3);

9 (C) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
10 paragraph (3); and

11 (D) in paragraph (3), as redesignated by
12 subparagraph (C), by striking “\$3,000,000 for
13 fiscal year 2023” and inserting “\$6,000,000 for
14 each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025”;

15 (3) by redesignating subsection (k) as sub-
16 section (l); and

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

19 “(k) From amounts appropriated under subsections
20 (i)(3) and (j)(3) for a fiscal year, the Secretary may trans-
21 fer to the Secretary of Health and Human Services funds
22 to pay for the Secretary’s administration of the grant pro-
23 grams under subsections (i) and (j) for such fiscal year.”.

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