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H. R. 3387

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To update and improve the codification of title 46, United States Code.

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Mr. Conyers (for himself and Mr. Smith of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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A BILL

To update and improve the codification of title 46, United States Code.

- 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. TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 4 The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

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- Sec. 3. Personal injury to or death of seamen.
- Sec. 4. Amendments to chapter 537 based on Public Law 109-163.
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- Sec. 6. Amendments based on Public Law 109–171.
- Sec. 7. Amendments based on Public Law 109-241.
- Sec. 8. Amendments based on Public Law 109-364.
- Sec. 9. Miscellaneous amendments.
- Sec. 10. Application of sunset provision to codified provision.
- Sec. 11. Technical corrections.

1 SEC. 2. PURPOSE.

- 2 The purposes of this Act are to—
- 3 (1) update certain provisions codified in title 46,
- 4 United States Code, by Public Law 109–304, to re-
- 5 flect amendments enacted after the cutoff date speci-
- 6 fied in section 18(a) of that law, which amendments
- 7 were to provisions restated and repealed by that law;
- 8 (2) improve certain provisions codified by that
- 9 law to reflect public comments submitted too late to
- 10 be reflected in that law; and
- 11 (3) correct technical errors in that law.

12 SEC. 3. PERSONAL INJURY TO OR DEATH OF SEAMEN.

- 13 (a) Amendment.—Section 30104 of title 46, United
- 14 States Code, is amended by—
- 15 (1) striking "(a) CAUSE OF ACTION.—"; and
- 16 (2) by striking subsection (b).
- 17 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by sub-
- 18 section (a) shall be effective as if included in the enactment
- 19 of Public Law 109-304.

1	SEC. 4. AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 537 BASED ON PUBLIC
2	LAW 109–163.
3	(a) Amendments.—Title 46, United States Code, is
4	amended as follows:
5	(1) Section 53701 is amended by—
6	(A) redesignating paragraphs (2)–(13) as
7	paragraphs (3)–(14), respectively;
8	(B) inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
9	lowing:
10	"(2) Administrator.—The term 'Adminis-
11	trator' means the Administrator of the Maritime Ad-
12	ministration."; and
13	(C) amending paragraph (13) (as redesig-
14	nated) to read as follows:
15	"(13) Secretary.—The term 'Secretary' means
16	the Secretary of Commerce with respect to fishing ves-
17	sels and fishery facilities.".
18	(2) Section 53706(c) is amended to read as fol-
19	lows:
20	"(c) Priorities for Certain Vessels.—
21	"(1) Vessels.—In guaranteeing or making of
22	commitment to guarantee an obligation under this
23	chapter, the Administrator shall give priority to—
24	"(A) a vessel that is otherwise eligible for a
25	guarantee and is constructed with assistance

1	under subtitle D of the Maritime Security Act of
2	2003 (46 U.S.C. 53101 note); and
3	"(B) after applying subparagraph (A), a
4	vessel that is otherwise eligible for a guarantee
5	and that the Secretary of Defense determines—
6	"(i) is suitable for service as a naval
7	auxiliary in time of war or national emer-
8	gency; and
9	"(ii) meets a shortfall in sealift capac-
10	ity or capability.
11	"(2) Time for determination.—The Secretary
12	of Defense shall determine whether a vessel satisfies
13	paragraph (1)(B) not later than 30 days after receipt
14	of a request from the Administrator for such a deter-
15	mination.".
16	(3) Section 53707 is amended in—
17	(A) subsections (a) and (d), by inserting "or
18	Administrator" after "Secretary" each place it
19	appears;
20	(B) subsection (b), by striking "Secretary of
21	Transportation" and inserting "Administrator";
22	(C) subsection (c), by striking "of Com-
23	merce"; and
24	(D) subsection $(d)(2)$, by—

1	(i) inserting "if the Secretary or Ad-
2	ministrator considers necessary," before "the
3	waiver"; and
4	(ii) striking "the increased" and in-
5	serting "any significant increase in".
6	(4) Section 53708 is amended in—
7	(A) subsection (a), by striking "Secretary"
8	and "Secretary of Transportation" each place
9	they appear in the heading and in text and in-
10	serting "Administrator";
11	(B) subsections (b) and (c), by striking "of
12	Commerce" each place it appears in a heading
13	and in text;
14	(C) subsection (d), by—
15	(i) inserting "or Administrator" after
16	"Secretary" the first place it appears; and
17	(ii) striking "financial structures, or
18	other risk factors identified by the Sec-
19	retary. Any independent analysis conducted
20	under this subsection shall be performed by
21	a party chosen by the Secretary." and in-
22	serting "or financial structures. A third
23	party independent analysis conducted under
24	this subsection shall be performed by a pri-
25	vate sector expert in assessing such risk fac-

1	tors who is selected by the Secretary or Ad-
2	ministrator."; and
3	(D) subsection (e), by—
4	(i) inserting "or Administrator" after
5	"Secretary" the first place it appears; and
6	(ii) striking "financial structures, or
7	other risk factors identified by the Sec-
8	retary" and inserting "or financial struc-
9	tures".
10	(5) Section 53710(b)(1) is amended by striking
11	"Secretary's" and inserting "Administrator's".
12	(6) Section 53712(b) is amended by striking the
13	last sentence and inserting "If the Secretary or Ad-
14	ministrator has waived a requirement under section
15	53707(d) of this title, the loan agreement shall include
16	requirements for additional payments, collateral, or
17	equity contributions to meet the waived requirement
18	upon the occurrence of verifiable conditions indi-
19	cating that the obligor's financial condition enables
20	the obligor to meet the waived requirement.".
21	(7) Subsections (c) and (d) of section 53717 are
22	amended by striking "of Commerce" each place it ap-
23	pears in a heading and in text.

1	(8) Section 53732(e)(2) is amended by inserting
2	"of Defense" after "Secretary" the second place it ap-
3	pears.
4	(9) The following provisions are amended by
5	striking "Secretary" and "Secretary of Transpor-
6	tation" and inserting "Administrator":
7	(A) Section $53710(b)(2)(A)(i)$.
8	(B) Section 53717(b) each place it appears
9	in a heading and in text.
10	(C) Section 53718.
11	(D) Section 53731 each place it appears, ex-
12	cept where "Secretary" is followed by "of En-
13	ergy".
14	(E) Section 53732 (as amended by para-
15	graph (8)) each place it appears, except where
16	"Secretary" is followed by "of the Treasury", "of
17	State", or "of Defense".
18	(F) Section 53733 each place it appears.
19	(10) The following provisions are amended by
20	inserting "or Administrator" after "Secretary" each
21	place it appears in headings and text, except where
22	"Secretary" is followed by "of Transportation" or "of
23	the Treasury":
24	(A) The items relating to sections 53722
25	and 53723 in the analysis of chapter 537.

1	(B) Sections 53701(1), (4), and (9) (as re-
2	designated by $paragraph$ (1)(A)), $53702(a)$,
3	53703, 53704, 53706(a)(3)(B)(iii), 53709(a)(1),
4	(b)(1) and $(2)(A)$, and (d) , 53710(a) and (c) ,
5	53711, 53712 (except in the last sentence of sub-
6	section (b) as amended by paragraph (6)), 53713
7	to 53716, 53721 to 53725, and 53734.
8	(11) Sections $53715(d)(1)$, $53716(d)(3)$,
9	53721(c), $53722(a)(1)$ and $(b)(1)(B)$, and $53724(b)$
10	are amended by inserting "or Administrator's" after
11	"Secretary's".
12	(b) Repeal of Superseded Amendments.—Section
13	3507 (except subsection (c)(4)) of the National Defense Au-
14	thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109–163)
15	is repealed.
16	SEC. 5. ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS BASED ON PUBLIC LAW
17	109–163.
18	(a) Amendments.—Title 46, United States Code, is
19	amended as follows:
20	(1) Chapters 513 and 515 are amended by strik-
21	ing "Naval Reserve" each place it appears in anal-
22	yses, headings, and text and inserting "Navy Re-
23	serve".
24	(2) Section 51504(f) is amended to read as fol-
25	lows:

1	"(f) Fuel Costs.—
2	"(1) In general.—Subject to the availability of
3	appropriations, the Secretary shall pay to each State
4	maritime academy the costs of fuel used by a vessel
5	provided under this section while used for training.
6	"(2) Maximum amounts.—The amount of the
7	payment to a State maritime academy under para-
8	graph (1) may not exceed—
9	"(A) \$100,000 for fiscal year 2006;
10	"(B) \$200,000 for fiscal year 2007; and
11	"(C) \$300,000 for fiscal year 2008 and each
12	fiscal year thereafter.".
13	(3) Section $51505(b)(2)(B)$ is amended by strik-
14	ing "\$200,000" and inserting "\$300,000 for fiscal
15	year 2006, \$400,000 for fiscal year 2007, and
16	\$500,000 for fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year
17	thereafter".
18	(4) Section 51701(a) is amended by inserting be-
19	fore the period at the end "and to perform functions
20	to assist the United States merchant marine, as deter-
21	mined necessary by the Secretary".
22	(5)(A) Section 51907 is amended to read as fol-
23	lows:

1	"§51907. Provision of decorations, medals, and re-
2	placements
3	"The Secretary of Transportation may provide—
4	"(1) the decorations and medals authorized by
5	this chapter and replacements for those decorations
6	and medals; and
7	"(2) replacements for decorations and medals
8	issued under a prior law.".
9	(B) In the analysis of chapter 519, the item re-
10	lating to section 51907 is amended to read as follows:
	"51907. Provision of decorations, medals, and replacements.".
11	(6)(A) The following new chapter is inserted
12	after chapter 539:
13	"CHAPTER 541—MISCELLANEOUS
	"Sec. "54101. Assistance for small shipyards and maritime communities.".
14	(B) Section 3506 of the National Defense Author-
15	ization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (46 U.S.C. 53101
16	note) is transferred to and redesignated as section
17	54101 of title 46, United States Code, to appear at
18	the end of chapter 541 of title 46, as enacted by sub-
19	paragraph (A).
20	(C) The heading of such section 54101 is amend-
21	ed to read as follows:

1	$\ \ \text{``}\S54101.\ Assistance\ for\ small\ shipyards\ and\ maritime$
2	communities".
3	(D) Subsection $(h)(1)$ of such section 54101 is
4	amended by stiking "632)" and inserting "632))".
5	(E) The table of chapters at the beginning of sub-
6	title V is amended by inserting after the item relating
7	to chapter 539 the following new item:
	"541. Miscellaneous
8	(b) Repeal of Superseded Amendments.—Sec-
9	tions 515(g)(2), 3502, 3509, and 3510 of the National De-
10	fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law
11	109–163) are repealed.
12	SEC. 6. AMENDMENTS BASED ON PUBLIC LAW 109-171.
13	(a) Amendments.—Section 60301 of title 46, United
14	States Code, is amended in—
15	(1) subsection (a), by striking "2 cents per ton
16	(but not more than a total of 10 cents per ton per
17	year)" and inserting "4.5 cents per ton, not to exceed
18	a total of 22.5 cents per ton per year, for fiscal years
19	2006 through 2010, and 2 cents per ton, not to exceed
20	a total of 10 cents per ton per year, for each fiscal
21	year thereafter,"; and
22	(2) subsection (b), by striking "6 cents per ton
23	(but not more than a total of 30 cents per ton per
24	year)" and inserting "13.5 cents per ton, not to ex-
25	ceed a total of 67.5 cents per ton per year, for fiscal

1	years 2006 through 2010, and 6 cents per ton, not to
2	exceed a total of 30 cents per ton per year, for each
3	fiscal year thereafter,".
4	(b) Repeal of Superseded Amendments.—Section
5	4001 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–
6	171) is repealed.
7	SEC. 7. AMENDMENTS BASED ON PUBLIC LAW 109-241.
8	(a) Amendments.—Title 46, United States Code, is
9	amended as follows:
10	(1) Section 12111 is amended by adding at the
11	end the following:
12	"(d) Activities Involving Mobile Offshore
13	Drilling Units.—
14	"(1) In general.—Only a vessel for which a
15	certificate of documentation with a registry endorse-
16	ment is issued may engage in—
17	"(A) the setting, relocation, or recovery of
18	the anchors or other mooring equipment of a mo-
19	bile offshore drilling unit that is located over the
20	outer Continental Shelf (as defined in section
21	2(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
22	$(43\ U.S.C.\ 1331(a)));\ or$
23	"(B) the transportation of merchandise or
24	personnel to or from a point in the United
25	States from or to a mobile offshore drilling unit

1	located over the outer Continental Shelf that is
2	not attached to the seabed.
3	"(2) Coastwise trade not authorized.—
4	Nothing in paragraph (1) authorizes the employment
5	in the coastwise trade of a vessel that does not meet
6	the requirements of section 12112 of this title.".
7	(2) Section 12139(a) is amended by striking
8	"and charterers" and inserting "charterers, and mort-
9	gagees".
10	(3) Section 51307 is amended by—
11	(A) striking "and" at the end of paragraph
12	(2);
13	(B) striking the period at the end of para-
14	graph (3) and inserting "; and"; and
15	(C) adding at the end the following:
16	"(4) on any other vessel considered by the Sec-
17	retary to be necessary or appropriate or in the na-
18	tional interest.".
19	(4) Section 55105(b)(3) is amended by striking
20	"Secretary of the department in which the Coast
21	Guard is operating" and inserting "Secretary of
22	Homeland Security".
23	(5) Section 70306(a) is amended by striking
24	"Not later than February 28 of each year, the Sec-

- 1 retary shall submit a report" and inserting "The Sec-2 retary shall submit an annual report".
- 3 (6) Section 70502(d)(2) is amended to read as 4 follows:
- 5 "(2) RESPONSE TO CLAIM OF REGISTRY.—The
 6 response of a foreign nation to a claim of registry
 7 under paragraph (1)(A) or (C) may be made by
 8 radio, telephone, or similar oral or electronic means,
 9 and is proved conclusively by certification of the Sec10 retary of State or the Secretary's designee.".
- 11 (b) Repeal of Superseded Amendments.—Sec-
- 12 tions 303, 307, 308, 310, 901(q), and 902(o) of the Coast
- 13 Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006 (Public
- 14 *Law 109–241*) are repealed.
- 15 SEC. 8. AMENDMENTS BASED ON PUBLIC LAW 109-364.
- 16 (a) Updating of Cross References.—Section
- 17 1017(b)(2) of the John Warner National Defense Authoriza-
- 18 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109–364, 10
- 19 U.S.C. 2631 note) is amended by striking "section 27 of
- 20 the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 U.S.C. 883), section
- 21 12106 of title 46, United States Code, and section 2 of the
- 22 Shipping Act, 1916 (46 U.S.C. App. 802)" and inserting
- 23 "sections 12112, 50501, and 55102 of title 46, United States
- 24 *Code*".
- 25 (b) Section 51306(e).—

(1) In General.—Section 51306 of title 46, 1 2 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: 3 "(e) Alternate Service.— "(1) Service as commissioned officer.—An 6 individual who, for the 5-year period following grad-7 uation from the Academy, serves as a commissioned 8 officer on active duty in an armed force of the United 9 States or as a commissioned officer of the National 10 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or the Pub-11 lic Health Service shall be excused from the require-12 ments of subsection (a)(3)–(5). 13 "(2) Modification or waiver.—The Secretary 14 may modify or waive any of the terms and conditions 15 set forth in subsection (a) through the imposition of

> (2) APPLICATION.—Section 51306(e) of title 46, United States Code, as added by this subsection, applies only to an individual who enrolls as a cadet at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and signs an agreement under section 51306(a) of title 46,

alternative service requirements.".

23 (c) Section 51306(f).—

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1	(1) In general.—Section 51306 of title 46,
2	United States Code, is further amended by adding at
3	the end the following:
4	"(f) Service Obligation Performance Reporting
5	Requirement.—
6	"(1) In general.—Subject to any otherwise ap-
7	plicable restrictions on disclosure in section 552a of
8	title 5, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the
9	department in which the Coast Guard is operating,
10	the Administrator of the National Oceanic and At-
11	mospheric Administration, and the Surgeon General
12	of the Public Health Service—
13	"(A) shall report the status of obligated
14	service of an individual graduate of the Academy
15	upon request of the Secretary; and
16	"(B) may, in their discretion, notify the
17	Secretary of any failure of the graduate to per-
18	form the graduate's duties, either on active duty
19	or in the Ready Reserve component of their re-
20	spective service, or as a commissioned officer of
21	the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis-
22	tration or the Public Health Service, respec-
23	tively.
24	"(2) Information to be provided.—A report
25	or notice under paragraph (1) shall identify any

- graduate determined to have failed to comply with service obligation requirements and provide all required information as to why such graduate failed to comply.
- 5 "(3) Considered as in default.—Upon re-6 ceipt of such a report or notice, such graduate may 7 be considered to be in default of the graduate's service 8 obligations by the Secretary, and subject to all rem-9 edies the Secretary may have with respect to such a 10 default."
- 11 (2) APPLICATION.—Section 51306(f) of title 46, 12 United States Code, as added by this subsection, does 13 not apply with respect to an agreement entered into 14 under section 51306(a) of title 46 before October 17, 15 2006.
- (d) Section 51509(c).—Section 51509(c) of title 46,
 United States Code, is amended by—
- 18 (1) striking "Midshipman and" in the subsection 19 heading and "midshipman and" in the text; and
- 20 (2) inserting "or the Coast Guard Reserve" after 21 "Reserve".
- 22 (e) Section 51908(a).—Section 51908(a) of title 46,
- 23 United States Code, is amended by striking "under this
- 24 chapter" and inserting "by this chapter or the Secretary
- 25 of Transportation".

1 (f) Section 53105(e)(2).—Section 53105(e)(2) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking "section 2 of the Shipping Act, 1916 (46 U.S.C. App. 802)," and inserting "section 50501 of this title". 5 (g) Repeal of Superseded Amendments.—Sections 3505, 3506, 3508, and 3510(a) and (b) of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109-364) are repealed. 8 SEC. 9. MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS. 10 (a) Deletion of Obsolete Reference to Canton ISLAND.—Section 55101(b) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by— 12 13 (1) inserting "or" after the semicolon at the end 14 of paragraph (2); 15 (2) striking paragraph (3); and 16 (3) redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph 17 (3).18 (b) Improvement of Heading.—Title 46, United 19 States Code, is amended as follows: 20 (1) The heading of section 55110 is amended by 21 inserting "valueless material or" before "dredged ma-22 terial". 23 (2) The item for section 55110 in the analysis of 24 chapter 551 is amended by inserting "valueless mate-25 rial or" before "dredged material".

1	SEC. 10. APPLICATION OF SUNSET PROVISION TO CODIFIED				
2	PROVISION.				
3	For purposes of section 303 of the Jobs and Growth				
4	Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–				
5	27, 26 U.S.C. 1 note), the amendment made by section				
6	δ 301(a)(2)(E) of that Act shall be deemed to have been made				
7	to section 53511(f)(2) of title 46, United States Code.				
8	SEC. 11. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.				
9	(a) Amendments to Title 46.—Title 46, United				
10	States Code, is amended as follows:				
11	(1) The analysis of chapter 21 is amended by				
12	striking the item for section 2108.				
13	(2) Section 12113(g) is amended by inserting				
14	"and" after "Conservation".				
15	(3) Section 12131 is amended by striking				
16	"command" and inserting "command".				
17	(b) Amendments to Public Law 109-304.—				
18	(1) Amendments.—Public Law 109–304 is				
19	amended as follows:				
20	(A) Section 15(10) is amended by striking				
21	"46 App. U.S.C." and inserting "46 U.S.C.				
22	App.".				
23	(B) Section 15(30) is amended by striking				
24	"Shipping Act, 1936" and inserting "Shipping				
25	Act, 1916".				

1	(C) The schedule of Statutes at Large re-					
2	pealed in section 19, as it relates to the Act of					
3	June 29, 1936, is amended by—					
4	(i) striking the second section "1111"					
5	(relating to 46 App. U.S.C. 1279f) and in-					
6	serting section "1113"; and					
7	(ii) striking the second section "1112"					
8	(relating to 46 App. U.S.C. 1279g) and in-					
9	serting section "1114".					
10	(2) Effective date.—The amendments made					
11	by paragraph (1) shall be effective as if included in					
12	the enactment of Public Law 109-304.					
13	(c) Repeal of Duplicative or Unexecutable					
14	Amendments.—					
15	(1) Repeal.—Sections $9(a)$, $15(21)$ and					
16	(33)(A)-(D)(i), and $16(c)(2)$ of Public Law 109–304					
17	are repealed.					
18	(2) Intended effect.—The provisions repealed					
19	by paragraph (1) shall be treated as if never enacted.					
20	(d) Large Passenger Vessel Crew Require-					
21	MENTS.—Section 8103(k)(3)(C)(iv) of title 46, United					
22	States Code, is amended by inserting "and section 252 of					
23	the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1282)"					
24	after "of such section".					

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