

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 7659
OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF MISSOURI**

Page 5, line 19, strike “\$1,147,244,000” and insert “\$1,461,427,000”.

Page 32, strike line 18 and all that follows through page 34, line 3 (and redesignate accordingly).

Page 35, line 12, strike “Cost Guard” and insert “Coast Guard”.

At the end of subtitle A of title II of the bill, add the following:

**1 SEC. 217. ADDITIONAL PRIBILOF ISLAND TRANSITION COM-
2 PLETION ACTIONS.**

3 Section 11221 of the Don Young Coast Guard Au-
4 thorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 “(e) **ADDITIONAL REPORTS ON STATUS OF USE OF**
7 **FACILITIES AND HELICOPTER BASING.**—Beginning with
8 the first quarterly report required under subsection (a)
9 submitted after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard
10 Authorization Act of 2024, the Secretary shall include in
11 each such report—

1 “(1) the status of the use of recently renovated
2 Coast Guard housing facilities, food preparation fa-
3 cilities, and maintenance and repair facilities on St.
4 Paul Island, Alaska, including a projected date for
5 full use and occupancy of such facilities in support
6 of Coast Guard missions in the Bering Sea; and

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

Page 40, strike line 21 and all that follows through
page 41, line 17 (and redesignate accordingly).

Page 66, after line 19, insert the following:

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

14 Section 11508 of the James M. Inhofe National De-
15 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law
16 117–263) is amended to read as follows:

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

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the watch set-
19 ting requirements set forth in section 8104 of title 46,
20 United States Code, or any other provision of law or regu-

1 lation, an Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection may au-
2 thorize a covered vessel—

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

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

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

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

16 “(2) is either—

17 “(A) equipped with engineering control
18 and monitoring systems of a type accepted by
19 a recognized classification society for a periodi-
20 cally unmanned machinery space notation or ac-
21 cepted by the Commandant for a periodically
22 unattended machinery space endorsement; or

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

1 ument or certificate of inspection that author-
2 ized equivalent or less manning levels.”.

Page 67, line 23, strike “renewable energy” and in-
sert “non-mineral energy resources”.

Page 82, line 23, strike “sole”.

Page 84, line 3, insert “design, construction, equip-
ment, and operation of deepwater ports and” after “per-
taining to”.

Page 90, line 19, strike “or”.

Page 91, line 2, strike the period and insert “; or”.

Page 91, after line 2, insert the following:

3 “(4) the Commandant determines that such an
4 abandonment determination would not be in the
5 public interest.

Page 93, after line 5, insert the following:

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

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Until the date that is 2 years
8 after the date of enactment of this Act, and notwith-
9 standing subsection (b), the Secretary of the department
10 in which the Coast Guard is operating may not enforce
11 citizenship requirements under section 8103 of title 46,
12 United States Code, or the credentialing requirements

1 under section 8701 of title 46, United States Code, with
2 respect to a covered individual.

3 (b) TRAINING.—Until the date that is 2 years after
4 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall
5 ensure that operators of near shore cable lay vertical
6 trenching injector equipment on barges on which covered
7 individuals serve—

8 (1) develop processes and requirements for con-
9 ducting certification and training such individuals;
10 and

11 (2) certify and train a sufficient cadre of quali-
12 fied individuals.

13 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “covered
15 individual” means an individual, including near
16 shore cable lay vertical trenching injector operators
17 or near shore cable laying vertical trenching injector
18 support personnel, who is—

19 (A) engaged on board a barge for the pur-
20 pose of operating specialized equipment, includ-
21 ing a vertical trenching injector, necessary to
22 lay near shore power cable in support of non-
23 mineral energy exploration, development, and
24 production; and

25 (B) not—

1 (i) included in the complement of li-
2 censed individuals to be stated in the cer-
3 tificate of inspection issued under chapter
4 33 of title 46, United States Code, to be
5 necessary by the Certificate of Inspection
6 or to ensure the safe navigation of such
7 vessel; or

8 (ii) a member of the steward's depart-
9 ment on such a barge.

10 (2) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “quali-
11 fied individual” means an individual qualified to—

12 (A) serve on a vessel documented under
13 chapter 121 of the title 46, United States Code,
14 under section 8103 of such title;

15 (B) receive a merchant mariner credential
16 under section 8701 of title 46, United States
17 Code; and

18 (C) available to operate and support the
19 operation of specialized near shore cable lay
20 vertical trenching injectors on United States-
21 documented barges in support of United States
22 offshore non-mineral energy exploration, devel-
23 opment, and production.

1 **SEC. 355. ANCHORAGES.**

2 Section 8437 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
3 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
4 (Public Law 116–283) is amended—

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

6 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
7 section (d); and

8 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(c) PROHIBITION.—The Commandant shall prohibit
11 any vessel anchoring on the reach of the Hudson River
12 described in subsection (a) unless such anchoring is within
13 any anchorage established before January 1, 2021.”.

Page 119, after line 4, insert the following:

14 **SEC. 512. CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER AS GROUNDS FOR**
15 **DENIAL.**

16 Section 7511(a) of title 46, United States Code, is
17 amended—

18 (1) in paragraph (1) by striking “or”;

19 (2) in paragraph (2) by striking “State, local,
20 or Tribal law” and inserting “Federal, State, local,
21 or Tribal law”;

22 (3) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
23 graph (3); and

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

3 “(2) section 920 or 920b of title 10 (article 120
4 and 120b of the Uniform Code of Military Justice);
5 or”.

6 **SEC. 513. COAST GUARD ACADEMY ROOM REASSIGNMENT.**

7 Section 1902 of title 14, United States Code, is fur-
8 ther amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(g) ROOM REASSIGNMENT.—Coast Guard Academy
10 Cadets may request room reassignment if experiencing
11 discomfort due to Coast Guard Academy rooming assign-
12 ments.”

