

113TH CONGRESS
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To promote the recycling of vessels in the United States and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BEGICH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To promote the recycling of vessels in the United States 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 TITLES.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ships to be Recycled
5 in the States Act” or the “STORIS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RECYCLING MARITIME SECURITY FLEET VESSELS.**

7 Section 53102 of title 46, United States Codes, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(g) VESSEL RECYCLING.—A vessel that, at any time
2 after September 30, 2014, was included in the Maritime
3 Security Fleet—

4 “(1) shall be scrapped in the United States;
5 and

6 “(2) may not be scrapped in any other coun-
7 try.”.

8 **SEC. 3. RECYCLING TRANSFERRED VESSELS.**

9 Section 56101 of title 46, United States Codes, is
10 amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(f) VESSEL RECYCLING.—A vessel transferred to a
12 person who is not a citizen of the United States pursuant
13 to an approval of the Secretary of Transportation—

14 “(1) shall be scrapped in the United States;
15 and

16 “(2) may not be scrapped in any other coun-
17 try.”.

18 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL REPORT ON DISPOSITION OF VESSELS NOT**
19 **WORTH PRESERVING.**

20 Section 57102 of title 46, United States Code, is
21 amended by adding at the end the following:

22 “(c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after
23 the date of the enactment of the Ships to be Recycled in
24 the States Act and annually thereafter, the Secretary of
25 Transportation, in coordination with the Secretary of the

1 Navy, shall report to the Committee on Armed Services
2 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
3 tation of the Senate and the Committees on Armed Serv-
4 ices, the Committee on Natural Resources, and the Com-
5 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
6 of Representatives on the vessel scrapping program car-
7 ried out under this section and on any other scrapping
8 of obsolete vessels owned by the Government carried out
9 under any other authority. Each such report shall include
10 the total amount of—

11 “(1) appropriated funds expended to carry out
12 such program and scrapping; and

13 “(2) the sales accrued and disbursed for such
14 program and scrapping.”.

15 **SEC. 5. RECYCLING OF NATIONAL DEFENSE RESERVE**
16 **FLEET VESSELS.**

17 (a) PROHIBITION ON TRANSFERS TO NON-CITI-
18 ZENS.—Section 57104 of title 46, United States Code, is
19 amended by striking subsection (d).

20 (b) SELECTION OF SCRAPPING FACILITIES.—Section
21 3502 of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authoriza-
22 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (as enacted into law by Pub-
23 lic Law 106–398; 114 Stat. 1654A–490) is amended by
24 striking subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

1 (c) USE OF FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 TRANSPORTATION NATIONAL MARITIME HERITAGE
3 GRANTS PROGRAM.—Subparagraph (C) of section 6(a)(1)
4 of the National Maritime Heritage Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C.
5 5405(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

6 “(C) The remainder shall be available to
7 the Secretary to carry out the Program, as pro-
8 vided in subsection (b).”.

9 (d) BEST VALUE CRITERIA.—Section 6(c) of the Na-
10 tional Maritime Heritage Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5405(c))
11 is amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding
13 subparagraph (A), by striking “services)” and in-
14 serting “services from a pool of experienced domestic
15 ship recycling companies)”;

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

17 “(3) BEST VALUE CRITERIA.—

18 “(A) REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH.—The
19 Secretary of Transportation shall establish writ-
20 ten criteria to determine the best value for pur-
21 poses of paragraph (1)(B) for vessels disposed
22 of under sections 57102, 57103, or 57104 of
23 title 46, United States Code.

24 “(B) PUBLICATION.—The criteria required
25 by subparagraph (A) shall be published in the

1 Federal Register not later than 60 days after
2 the date of the enactment of the Ships to be
3 Recycled in the States Act.”.

4 **SEC. 6. DISMANTLEMENT OF VESSELS.**

5 Section 6(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (15
6 U.S.C. 2605(e)) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
8 graph (6); and

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

11 “(5) If a person dismantling a marine vessel or struc-
12 ture that is not a documented vessel owned by a citizen
13 of the United States finds polychlorinated biphenyls re-
14 lated to the dismantlement, the person—

15 “(A) shall notify the Administrator; and

16 “(B) shall sample, remove, and dispose of the
17 polychlorinated biphenyls in accordance with the rel-
18 evant provisions of this Act.”.

19 **SEC. 7. REEFS FOR MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION PRO-**
20 **GRAM.**

21 (a) PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER OF OBSOLETE VES-
22 SELS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—Section 3(d) of the Act
23 entitled “An Act to authorize appropriations for the fiscal
24 year 1973 for certain maritime programs of the Depart-
25 ment of Commerce, and for related purposes”, approved

1 August 22, 1972 (Public Law 92–402; 16 U.S.C.
2 1220(d)) is amended by striking “States, and any foreign
3 country,” and inserting “States”.

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 7 of the
5 Act entitled “An Act to authorize appropriations for the
6 fiscal year 1973 for certain maritime programs of the De-
7 partment of Commerce, and for related purposes”, ap-
8 proved August 22, 1972 (Public Law 92–402; 16 U.S.C.
9 1220c–1) is amended by striking subsection (d).

10 **SEC. 8. PUBLICATION OF MARITIME ADMINISTRATION**
11 **AGREEMENTS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 501 of title 46, United
13 States Code, is amended by adding the following:

14 **“§ 50114. Publication of Maritime Administration**
15 **agreements**

16 “(a) REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLICATION.—The Ad-
17 ministrator of the Maritime Administration shall make
18 available to the public on the website of the Maritime Ad-
19 ministration the full text of each memorandum of agree-
20 ment, memorandum of understanding, cooperative agree-
21 ment, and similar agreement between the Maritime Ad-
22 ministration and any other agency, department, or person.

23 “(b) TIMING OF PUBLICATION.—Not later than 30
24 days after the date a document referred to in subsection
25 (a) is signed by the parties, the Administrator of the Mari-

1 time Administration shall make such document available
2 on the website of the Maritime Administration.

3 “(c) INITIAL PUBLICATION.—Not later than 30 days
4 after the date of the enactment of the Ships to be Recycled
5 in the States Act, the Administrator of the Maritime Ad-
6 ministration shall make available on the website of the
7 Maritime Administration each document referred to in
8 subsection (a) that was in effect on the date of the enact-
9 ment of such Act.”.

10 (b) TABLE OF SECTIONS AMENDMENT.—The table of
11 sections for chapter 501 of title 46, United States Code,
12 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“50114. Publication of Maritime Administration agreements.”.