

“(2) exempt an oceanographic research vessel from that provision under conditions the Secretary may specify;

“(3) establish different operating and equipment requirements for vessels defined in section 2101(42)(A) of this title;

“(4) establish different structural fire protection, manning, operating, and equipment requirements for vessels of at least 100 gross tons but less than 300 gross tons carrying not more than 150 passengers on domestic voyages if the owner of the vessel—

“(A) makes application for inspection to the Coast Guard within 6 months of the date of enactment of the Passenger Vessel Safety Act of 1993; and

“(B) provides satisfactory documentation that the vessel was chartered at least once within the previous 12 months prior to the date of enactment of that Act; and

“(5) establish different structural fire protection, manning, operating, and equipment requirements for former public vessels of the United States of at least 100 gross tons but less than 500 gross tons, carrying not more than 150 passengers on domestic voyages, if the owner of the vessel—

“(A) makes application for inspection to the Coast Guard within 6 months of the date of enactment of the Passenger Vessel Safety Act of 1993; and

“(B) provides satisfactory documentation that the vessel was chartered at least once within the previous 12 months prior to the date of enactment of that Act.”

(b) Section 4105 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting “(a)” before the text; and

(2) by adding a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) Within twenty-four months of the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall, by regulation, require certain additional equipment which may include liferafts or other lifesaving equipment, construction standards, or specify additional operating standards for those uninspected passenger vessels defined in section 2101(42)(A) of this title.”

#### SEC. 512. EQUIPMENT AND STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN PASSENGER VESSELS.

(a) Section 3306 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

“(h) The Secretary shall establish appropriate structural fire protection, manning, operating, and equipment requirements for vessels of at least 100 gross tons but less than 300 gross tons carrying not more than 150 passengers on domestic voyages, which meet the eligibility criteria of section 2113(4) of this title.

“(i) The Secretary shall establish appropriate structural fire protection, manning, operating, and equipment requirements for former public vessels of the United States of at least 100 gross tons but less than 500 gross tons carrying not more than 150 passengers on domestic voyages, which meet the eligibility criteria of section 2113(5) of this title.”

(b) The Secretary of Transportation shall, within twenty-four months of the date of enactment of this Act, prescribe regulations establishing the structural fire protection, manning, operating, and equipment requirements for vessels which meet the requirements of subsections (h) and (i) of section 3306 of title 46, United States Code, as amended by this Act.

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note.

(c) Before the Secretary of Transportation prescribes regulations under subsections (h) and (i) of section 3306 of title 46, United States Code, as amended by this Act, the Secretary may prescribe the route, service, manning, and equipment for those vessels based on existing passenger vessel and small passenger vessel regulations.

**SEC. 513. APPLICABILITY DATE FOR REVISED REGULATIONS.**

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note.

(a) **APPLICABILITY DATE FOR CERTAIN CHARTERED VESSELS.**—Revised regulations governing small passenger vessels and passenger vessels (as the definitions of those terms in section 2101 of title 46, United States Code, are amended by this Act) shall not, before the date that is 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, apply to such vessels when chartered with no crew provided.

(b) **EXTENSION OF PERIOD.**—The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall extend for up to 30 additional months or until issuance of a certificate of inspection, whichever occurs first, the period of inapplicability specified in subsection (a) if the owner of the vessel concerned carries out the provisions of subsection (c) to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

(c) **CONDITIONS FOR EXTENSION.**—To receive an extension authorized by subsection (b), the owner of the vessel shall—

(1) make application for inspection with the Coast Guard within 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act;

(2) make the vessel available for examination by the Coast Guard prior to the carriage of passengers;

(3)(A) correct especially any hazardous conditions involving the vessel's structure, electrical system, and machinery installation, such as (i) grossly inadequate, missing, unsound, or severely deteriorated frames or major structural members; (ii) wiring systems or electrical appliances without proper grounding or overcurrent protection; and (iii) significant fuel or exhaust system leaks;

(B) equip the vessel with lifesaving and fire fighting equipment, or the portable equivalent, required for the route and number of persons carried; and

(C) verify through stability tests, calculations, or other practical means (which may include a history of safe operations) that the vessel's stability is satisfactory for the size, route, and number of passengers; and

(4) develop a work plan approved by the Coast Guard to complete in a good faith effort all requirements necessary for issuance of a certificate of inspection as soon as practicable.

(d) **OPERATION OF VESSEL DURING EXTENSION PERIOD.**—The owner of a vessel receiving an extension under this section shall operate the vessel under the conditions of route, service, number of passengers, manning, and equipment as may be prescribed by the Coast Guard for the extension period.

## TITLE VI—DOCUMENTATION OF VESSELS

**SEC. 601. DOCUMENTATION OF VESSELS.**

(a) Notwithstanding section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 App. U.S.C. 883), the Act of June 19, 1886 (46 App. U.S.C. 289), and section 12106 of title 46, United States Code,

the Secretary of Transportation may issue certificates of documentation with a coastwise endorsement for the following vessels:

- (1) ABORIGINAL (United States official number 942118).
- (2) AFTERSAIL (United States official number 689427).
- (3) ALEXANDRIA (United States official number 586490).
- (4) AMANDA (Michigan registration number MC-1125-FR).
- (5) ARBITRAGE II (United States official number 962861).
- (6) ARIEL (United States official number 954762).
- (7) BRANDARIS (former United States official number 263174).
- (8) COMPASS ROSE (United States official number 695865).
- (9) DIXIE (United States official number 513159).
- (10) ELISSA (United States official number 697285).
- (11) EMERALD PRINCESS (former United States official number 530095).
- (12) ENTERPRISE (United States official number 692956).
- (13) EUROPA STAR (former United States official number 588270).
- (14) EUROPA SUN (former United States official number 596656).
- (15) GAZELA OF PHILADELPHIA (Pennsylvania registration number PA-4339-AF).
- (16) GUSTO (United States official number 624951).
- (17) GRAY (Connecticut registration number CT-5944-AJ).
- (18) GRIZZLY PROCESSOR (Canadian official number 369183).
- (19) GYPSY COWBOY (United States official number 550771).
- (20) IMPATIENT LADY (United States official number 553952).
- (21) INTREPID DRAGON II (United States official number 548109).
- (22) ISLAND GIRL (United States official number 674840).
- (23) JULIET (Michigan registration number MC-1669-LM).
- (24) KALENA (Hawaii registration number HA-1923-E).
- (25) LAURISA (United States official number 924052).
- (26) LIBBY ROSE (United States official number 236976).
- (27) LISERON (United States official number 971339).
- (28) MARINE STAR (United States official number 248329).
- (29) MARINER (United States official number 285452).
- (30) MARY B (Kentucky registration number KY-0098-HX).
- (31) MOONSHINE (United States official number 974226).
- (32) MYSTIQUE (United States official number 921194).
- (33) NORTHERN LIGHT (United States official number 237510).
- (34) PAI NUI (Hawaii registration number HA-6949-D).
- (35) PANDACEA (United States official number 665892).
- (36) PELICAN (United States official number 234959).
- (37) PLAY PRETTY (United States official number 975346).
- (38) PRINCE OF TIDES II (United States official number 903858).