

Public Law 94-10  
94th Congress

An Act

Mar. 23, 1975

[S. 332]

To authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1975 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Commerce.

Commerce  
Department  
maritime  
programs.  
Appropriation  
authorization.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated without fiscal year limitation as the Appropriation Act may provide for the use of the Department of Commerce, for the fiscal year 1975, as follows:

(a) acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of vessels and construction-differential subsidy and cost of national defense features incident to the construction, reconstruction, or reconditioning of ships, \$275,000,000;

(b) payment of obligations incurred for ship operating-differential subsidy, \$242,800,000;

(c) expenses necessary for research and development activities, \$27,900,000;

(d) reserve fleet expenses, \$3,742,000;

(e) maritime training at the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York, \$10,518,000; and

(f) financial assistance to State marine schools, \$2,973,000.

Additional  
appropriation.

SEC. 2. In addition to the amounts authorized by section 1 of this Act, there are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1975 such additional supplemental amounts for the activities for which appropriations are authorized under section 1 of this Act as may be necessary for increases in salary, pay, retirement, or other employee benefits authorized by law.

Regional offices.

SEC. 3. Section 809 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1213), is amended (a) by inserting "(a)" immediately before "Contracts" in the first sentence thereof; and (b) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(b) There shall be established and maintained within the Maritime Administration such regional offices as may be necessary, including, but not limited to, one such office for each of the four port ranges specified in subsection (a) of this section. The Secretary of Commerce shall appoint a qualified individual to be the Director of each such regional office and shall carry out appropriate functions, activities, and programs of the Maritime Administration through such regional offices."

Approved March 23, 1975.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT: No. 94-6 accompanying H.R. 3 (Comm. on Merchant Marine and Fisheries).

SENATE REPORT No. 94-7 (Comm. on Commerce).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 121 (1975):

Feb. 12, considered and passed Senate.

Feb. 18, considered and passed House, amended, in lieu of H.R. 3.

Mar. 11, Senate concurred in House amendment.