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To amend title 46, United States Code, to require merchant mariners' documents for certain seamen.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUDDS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

A BILL

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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. MERCHANT MARINERS' DOCUMENTS RE-**
4 **QUIRED.**

5 Section 8701(a) of title 46, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking “100” and substituting “5”;

8 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “a vessel oper-
9 ating only on rivers and lakes (except the Great

1 Lakes);” and substituting “a small passenger vessel,
2 or an uninspected passenger vessel;”; and

3 (3) by striking paragraph (2), and by redesignig-
4 nating the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

5 **SEC. 2. USER FEE EXEMPTION AND PRIVACY OF INFORMA-**
6 **TION.**

7 (a) The Secretary of Transportation may not collect
8 a fee or charge under section 2110 of title 46, United
9 States Code, for any service related to a merchant mari-
10 ner’s document required to be obtained under this Act.

11 (b) The Secretary may not make available to a mem-
12 ber of the public any personal information concerning an
13 individual required to obtain a merchant mariner’s docu-
14 ment under this Act.

15 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 The amendments made by this Act are effective two
17 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

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