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# S. 1728

To require Navy compliance with shipboard solid waste control requirements

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 3, 1996

Mr. STEVENS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## 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. NAVY COMPLIANCE WITH SHIPBOARD SOLID**  
4 **WASTE CONTROL REQUIREMENTS.**

5 Section 3(c) of the Act to Prevent Pollution from  
6 Ships (33 U.S.C. 1902(c)) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(c) DISCHARGES IN SPECIAL AREAS.—

8 “(1) Not later than December 31, 2000, all  
9 surface ships owned or operated by the Department  
10 of the Navy, and not later than December 31, 2008,  
11 all submersibles owned or operated by the Depart-

1       ment of the Navy, shall comply with the special area  
2       requirements of Regulation 5 of Annex V to the  
3       Convention, except as provided in paragraphs (2)  
4       and (3) of this subsection.

5               “(2) Vessels owned or operated by the Depart-  
6       ment of the Navy for which the Secretary of the  
7       Navy determines that, due to a uniquely military de-  
8       sign, construction, manning or operating require-  
9       ments, full compliance with paragraph (1) would not  
10      be technologically feasible, or would impair the ves-  
11      sel’s operations or operational capability, are author-  
12      ized to discharge non-plastic and non-floating  
13      garbage consisting of—

14               “(A) a slurry of seawater, paper, card-  
15      board and food waste, provided such slurry is  
16      discharged not less than three nautical miles  
17      from the nearest land and is capable of passing  
18      through a screen with openings of no greater  
19      than 12 millimeters; and

20               “(B) metal and glass garbage that has  
21      been shredded and bagged to ensure negative  
22      buoyancy and is discharged not less than twelve  
23      nautical miles from the nearest land.

1           “(3) Not later than December 31, 2000, the  
2 Secretary of the Navy shall publish in the Federal  
3 Register—

4           “(A) a list of those vessels planned to be  
5 decommissioned between January 1, 2001, and  
6 December 31, 2005; and

7           “(B) standards to ensure, so far as reason-  
8 able and practicable, without impairing the op-  
9 erations or operational capabilities of such ves-  
10 sels, that such vessels act in a manner that is  
11 consistent with the special area requirements of  
12 Regulation 5 of Annex V.

13           “(4) Notwithstanding paragraphs (2) and (3) of  
14 this section, it shall be the goal of the Department  
15 of the Navy to achieve eventual full compliance with  
16 Annex V as part of the Department’s ongoing devel-  
17 opment of environmentally sound ships.”.

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