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# H. R. 304

To amend title 10, United States Code, to require the naval forces of the Navy to include not less than 12 operational aircraft carriers.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 2005

Mr. CRENSHAW (for himself, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. STEARNS, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. CANTOR, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mrs. DRAKE, Mr. MICA, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. FORBES, Mr. MEEK of Florida, and Mr. SHAW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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. REQUIREMENT FOR 12 OPERATIONAL AIR-**  
4 **CRAFT CARRIERS WITHIN NAVAL FORCES OF**  
5 **THE NAVY.**

6 Section 5062 of title 10, United States Code, is  
7 amended—

1           (1) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as  
2           subsections (c) and (d), respectively; and

3           (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
4           lowing new subsection (b):

5           “(b) The naval combat forces of the Navy shall in-  
6           clude not less than 12 operational aircraft carriers. For  
7           purposes of this subsection, an operational aircraft carrier  
8           includes an aircraft carrier that is temporarily unavailable  
9           for worldwide deployment due to routine or scheduled  
10          maintenance or repair.”.

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