

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2989

To amend provisions of title 46, United States Code, popularly known as the Death on the High Seas Act to limit application of those provisions to maritime accidents, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 11, 2007

Mr. DOGGETT (for himself and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. LIMITATIONS ON ACTIONS UNDER DEATH ON**
4 **THE HIGH SEAS ACT FOR COMMERCIAL MAR-**
5 **ITIME ACCIDENTS.**

6 (a) LIMITATIONS.—Chapter 303 of title 46, United
7 States Code, popularly known as the Death on the High
8 Seas Act, is amended—

1 (1) by striking the heading for section 30307
2 and inserting the following:

3 **“§ 30307. Nonpecuniary and punitive damages; limita-**
4 **tion on application”;**

5 (2) in section 30307(b), by inserting “or mari-
6 time” after “commercial aviation”;

7 (3) in section 30307(c), by inserting “or mari-
8 time” after “commercial aviation”; and

9 (4) in the table of sections at the beginning of
10 the chapter by striking the item relating to section
11 30307 and inserting the following:

“30307. Nonpecuniary and punitive damages; limitation on application.”.

12 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by sub-
13 section (a) shall apply with respect to a death occurring
14 after August 25, 2005.

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