

110<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3352

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## AN ACT

To reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services  
Improvement Act, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Hydrographic Services  
3 Improvement Act Amendments of 2008”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 Section 302 of the Hydrographic Services Improve-  
6 ment Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892) is amended—

7 (1) by amending paragraph (3) to read as fol-  
8 lows:

9 “(3) **HYDROGRAPHIC DATA.**—The term ‘hydro-  
10 graphic data’ means information that—

11 “(A) is acquired through—

12 “(i) hydrographic, bathymetric, photo-  
13 grammetric, lidar, radar, remote sensing,  
14 or shoreline and other ocean- and coastal-  
15 related surveying;

16 “(ii) geodetic, geospatial, or geo-  
17 magnetic measurements;

18 “(iii) tide, water level, and current ob-  
19 servations; or

20 “(iv) other methods; and

21 “(B) is used in providing hydrographic  
22 services.”;

23 (2) by amending paragraph (4)(A) to read as  
24 follows:

25 “(A) the management, maintenance, inter-  
26 pretation, certification, and dissemination of

1 bathymetric, hydrographic, shoreline, geodetic,  
2 geospatial, geomagnetic, and tide, water level,  
3 and current information, including the produc-  
4 tion of nautical charts, nautical information  
5 databases, and other products derived from hy-  
6 drographic data;” and

7 (3) by striking paragraph (5).

8 **SEC. 3. FUNCTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR.**

9 Section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improve-  
10 ment Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892a) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)—

12 (A) by striking “the Act of 1947,” and in-  
13 serting “the Coast and Geodetic Survey Act (33  
14 U.S.C. 883a et seq.)”; and

15 (B) in paragraph (1) by striking “data;”  
16 and inserting “data and provide hydrographic  
17 services;”;

18 (2) in subsection (b)—

19 (A) by striking “the Act of 1947,” and in-  
20 serting “the Coast and Geodetic Survey Act (33  
21 U.S.C. 883a et seq.)”;

22 (B) in paragraph (3) by striking “title IX  
23 of the Federal Property and Administrative  
24 Services Act of 1949; and” and inserting “sub-

1 chapter VI of chapter 10 of title 40, United  
2 States Code;”;

3 (C) in paragraph (4) by striking the period  
4 and inserting “; and”; and

5 (D) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(5) may create, support, and maintain a Joint  
7 Hydrographic Institute.”; and

8 (3) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the  
9 following:

10 “(c) ACQUISITION OF HYDROGRAPHIC DATA AND  
11 PROVIDE HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES.—To the extent that  
12 it does not detract from the promotion of safe and efficient  
13 navigation, the Administrator may acquire hydrographic  
14 data and provide hydrographic services to—

15 “(1) support the conservation and management  
16 of coastal and ocean resources;

17 “(2) save and protect life and property;

18 “(3) support the resumption of commerce in re-  
19 sponse to emergencies, natural disasters, and man-  
20 made disasters; and

21 “(4) meet homeland security and maritime do-  
22 main awareness needs, including carrying out mis-  
23 sion assignments (as that term is defined in section  
24 641 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management  
25 Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 741)).”.

1 **SEC. 4. HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES REVIEW PANEL.**

2 Section 305 of the Hydrographic Services Improve-  
3 ment Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892c) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (c)(1)(A) by striking “Direc-  
5 tor” and inserting “Co-directors”;

6 (2) in subsections (c)(1)(C), (c)(3), and (e) by  
7 striking “Secretary” each place it appears and in-  
8 serting “Administrator”; and

9 (3) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-  
10 lows:

11 “(d) COMPENSATION.—Voting members of the panel  
12 shall be reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses,  
13 including travel and per diem, incurred in the performance  
14 of duties for the panel.”.

15 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 Section 306 of the Hydrographic Services Improve-  
17 ment Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892d) is amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 **“SEC. 306. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 “There are authorized to be appropriated to the Ad-  
21 ministrator the following:

22 “(1) To carry out nautical mapping and chart-  
23 ing functions under sections 303 and 304, except for  
24 conducting hydrographic surveys—

25 “(A) \$55,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

26 “(B) \$56,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

1                   “(C) \$57,000,000 for fiscal year 2011; and

2                   “(D) \$58,000,000 for fiscal year 2012.

3                   “(2) To contract for hydrographic surveys  
4 under section 303(b)(1), including the leasing or  
5 time chartering of vessels—

6                   “(A) \$32,130,000 for fiscal year 2009;

7                   “(B) \$32,760,000 for fiscal year 2010;

8                   “(C) \$33,390,000 for fiscal year 2011; and

9                   “(D) \$34,020,000 for fiscal year 2012.

10                  “(3) To operate hydrographic survey vessels  
11 owned by the United States and operated by the Ad-  
12 ministration—

13                  “(A) \$25,900,000 for fiscal year 2009;

14                  “(B) \$26,400,000 for fiscal year 2010;

15                  “(C) \$26,900,000 for fiscal year 2011; and

16                  “(D) \$27,400,000 for fiscal year 2012.

17                  “(4) To carry out geodetic functions under this  
18 title—

19                  “(A) \$32,640,000 for fiscal year 2009;

20                  “(B) \$32,280,000 for fiscal year 2010;

21                  “(C) \$33,920,000 for fiscal year 2011; and

22                  “(D) \$34,560,000 for fiscal year 2012.

23                  “(5) To carry out tide and current measure-  
24 ment functions under this title—

25                  “(A) \$27,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

1 “(B) \$27,500,000 for fiscal year 2010;

2 “(C) \$28,000,000 for fiscal year 2011; and

3 “(D) \$28,500,000 for fiscal year 2012.

4 “(6) To acquire a replacement hydrographic  
5 survey vessel capable of staying at sea continuously  
6 for at least 30 days \$75,000,000.”.

7 **SEC. 6. ADDITION OF SHORT TITLE TO EXISTING LAW.**

8 The Act of August 6, 1947 (chapter 504; 33 U.S.C.  
9 883a et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 **“SEC. 11. SHORT TITLE.**

12 “This Act may be cited as the ‘Coast and Geodetic  
13 Survey Act’.”.

Passed the House of Representatives March 31,  
2008.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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