

110TH CONGRESS
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AN ACT

To amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the definitions of a hull and a deck.

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. VESSEL HULL DESIGN PROTECTION.**

2 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
3 “Vessel Hull Design Protection Amendments of 2007”.

4 (b) **DESIGNS PROTECTED.**—Section 1301(a) of title
5 17, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph
6 (2) and inserting the following:

7 “(2) **VESSEL FEATURES.**—The design of a ves-
8 sel hull, deck, or combination of a hull and deck, in-
9 cluding a plug or mold, is subject to protection
10 under this chapter, notwithstanding section
11 1302(4).”.

12 (c) **DEFINITIONS.**—Section 1301(b) of title 17,
13 United States Code, is amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “vessel hull,
15 including a plug or mold,” and inserting “vessel hull
16 or deck, including a plug or mold,”;

17 (2) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the
18 following:

19 “(4) A ‘hull’ is the exterior frame or body of a
20 vessel, exclusive of the deck, superstructure, masts,
21 sails, yards, rigging, hardware, fixtures, and other
22 attachments.”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(7) A ‘deck’ is the horizontal surface of a ves-
25 sel that covers the hull, including exterior cabin and

- 1 cockpit surfaces, and exclusive of masts, sails, yards,
- 2 rigging, hardware, fixtures, and other attachments.”.

Passed the Senate October 4, 2007.

Attest:

Secretary.

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