Public Law 94–85
94th Congress

An Act

Aug. 9, 1975
[H.R. 5405]

To amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, in order to permit cargo vessels to carry more than sixteen passengers when emergency situations arise.

Cargo vessels.
Excess passengers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first paragraph of section 26 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 U.S.C. 882), is amended by striking out the period at the end of the last proviso thereto and inserting in lieu thereof the following: ": *And provided further*, That in any case in which the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating, finds that an emergency situation so requires, and subject to such regulations as he may prescribe, any vessel documented under the laws of the United States and not engaged in an international voyage may carry in excess of sixteen persons in addition to the crew.".

Approved August 9, 1975.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 94–182 (Comm. on Merchant Marine and Fisheries).
SENATE REPORT No. 94–344 (Comm. on Commerce).
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