

Public Law 94-127  
94th Congress

An Act

Nov. 13, 1975  
[S. 1542]

To authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1976 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Commerce, and for other purposes.

Maritime  
Appropriation  
Authorization Act  
of 1975.  
46 USC 1101  
note.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the "Maritime Appropriation Authorization Act of 1975".

SEC. 2. Funds are authorized to be appropriated without fiscal year limitation as the Appropriation Act may provide for the use of the Department of Commerce, for the fiscal year 1976, as follows:

(1) For acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of vessels and for construction-differential subsidy and cost of national defense features incident to the construction, reconstruction, or reconditioning of ships, not to exceed \$195,000,000.

(2) For payment of obligations incurred for operating-differential subsidy, not to exceed \$315,936,000.

(3) For expenses necessary for research and development activities, not to exceed \$12,232,000.

(4) For reserve fleet expenses, not to exceed \$4,242,000.

(5) For maritime training at the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York, not to exceed \$11,500,000.

(6) For financial assistance to State marine schools, not to exceed \$4,708,000.

Additional  
appropriations.

SEC. 3. There are authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year 1976, in addition to the amounts authorized by section 2 of this Act, such additional supplemental amounts, for the activities for which appropriations are authorized under section 2 of this Act, as may be necessary for increases in salary, pay, retirement, or other employee benefits authorized by law, and for increased costs for public utilities, food service, and other expenses of the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.

Ante, p. 16.

SEC. 4. Section 809(a) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1213(a)) is amended by inserting immediately after the first sentence thereof the following: "In order to assure equitable treatment for each range of ports referred to in the preceding sentence, not less than 10 percent of the funds appropriated for construction-differential subsidy and operating-differential subsidy pursuant to this Act or any law authorizing funds for the purposes of this Act shall be allocated to each such port range: *Provided, however,* That such allocation shall apply to the extent that subsidy contracts are approved by the Secretary of Commerce. Not later than March 1, 1976, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a detailed report (1) describing the actions that have been taken pursuant to this Act to assure insofar as possible that direct and adequate service is provided by United States-flag commercial vessels to each range of ports referred to in this section; and (2) including any recommendations for additional legislation that may be necessary to achieve the purpose of this section."

Annual report to  
Congress.

SEC. 5. Section 1103(f) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1273(f)) is amended by striking "\$5,000,000,000", and inserting in lieu thereof "\$7,000,000,000".

Approved November 13, 1975.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

HOUSE REPORT No. 94-175 accompanying H.R. 3902 (Comm. on Merchant Marine and Fisheries) and No. 94-529 (Comm. of Conference).

SENATE REPORT No. 94-96 (Comm. on Commerce).

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Apr. 29, considered and passed Senate.

May 12, considered and passed House, amended, in lieu of H.R. 3902.

Oct. 9, Senate agreed to conference report.

Oct. 20, House agreed to conference report.