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H. R. 3885

To direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to convey a Coast Guard 44-foot Motor Life Boat to the city of Ludington, Michigan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOEKSTRA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. CONVEYANCE OF DECOMMISSIONED COAST**
4 **GUARD MOTOR LIFE BOAT VESSEL.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant of the Coast
6 Guard shall convey all right, title, and interest of the
7 United States in and to the vessel described in subsection
8 (b) to the city of Ludington, Michigan (in this section re-
9 ferred to as the “recipient”), without consideration, if the

1 recipient complies with the conditions under subsection
2 (c).

3 (b) VESSEL DESCRIBED.—The vessel referred to in
4 subsection (a) is the Coast Guard 44-foot Motor Life Boat
5 Vessel #44345 formally assigned to the Group Grand
6 Haven Command.

7 (c) CONDITIONS.—As a condition of any conveyance
8 of a vessel under subsection (a), the Commandant shall
9 require the recipient to—

10 (1) agree—

11 (A) to use the vessel for purposes of edu-
12 cation and historical display;

13 (B) not to use the vessel for commercial
14 transportation purposes;

15 (C) to make the vessel available to the
16 United States Government if needed for use by
17 the Commandant in time of war or a national
18 emergency; and

19 (D) to hold the Government harmless for
20 any claims arising from exposure to hazardous
21 materials, including asbestos and poly-
22 chlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), after conveyance
23 of the vessel, except for claims arising from use
24 of the vessel by the Government under subpara-
25 graph (C);

1 (2) have funds available that will be committed
2 to operate and maintain the vessel conveyed in good
3 working condition, in the form of cash, liquid assets,
4 or a written loan commitment; and

5 (3) agree to any other conditions the Com-
6 mandant considers appropriate.

7 (d) MAINTENANCE AND DELIVERY OF VESSEL.—
8 Prior to conveyance of a vessel under this section, the
9 Commandant shall, to the extent practical, and subject to
10 other Coast Guard mission requirements, make every ef-
11 fort to maintain the integrity of the vessel and its equip-
12 ment until the time of delivery. The Commandant shall
13 deliver a vessel conveyed under this section at the place
14 where the vessel is located, in its present condition, and
15 without cost to the Government. The conveyance of a ves-
16 sel under this section shall not be considered a distribution
17 in commerce for purposes of section 6(e) of Public Law
18 94–469 (15 U.S.C. 2605(e)).

19 (e) OTHER EXCESS EQUIPMENT.—The Commandant
20 may convey to the recipient of a vessel under this section
21 any excess equipment or parts from other decommissioned
22 Coast Guard vessels for use to enhance the vessel’s oper-
23 ability and function as an historical display.

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