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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural  
Resources

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

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

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

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

5           “(A) is acquired through—

6           “(i) hydrographic, bathymetric, photo-  
7       grammetric, lidar, radar, remote sensing,  
8       or shoreline and other ocean- and coastal-  
9       related surveying;

10          “(ii) geodetic, geospatial, or geo-  
11       magnetic measurements;

12          “(iii) tide, water level, and current ob-  
13       servations; or

14          “(iv) other methods; and

15          “(B) is used in providing hydrographic  
16       services.”;

17       (2) by amending paragraph (4)(A) to read as  
18       follows:

19           “(A) the management, maintenance, inter-  
20       pretation, certification, and dissemination of  
21       bathymetric, hydrographic, shoreline, geodetic,  
22       geospatial, geomagnetic, and tide, water level,  
23       and current information, including the produc-  
24       tion of nautical charts, nautical information

1 databases, and other products derived from hy-  
2 drographic data;”; and  
3 (3) by striking paragraph (5).

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

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

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

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

11 (B) in paragraph (1) by striking “data;”  
12 and inserting “data and provide hydrographic  
13 services;”;

14 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

18 (B) in paragraph (3) by striking “title IX  
19 of the Federal Property and Administrative  
20 Services Act of 1949; and” and inserting “sub-  
21 chapter VI of chapter 10 of title 40, United  
22 States Code;”;

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

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

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

3 (3) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the  
4 following:

5 “(c) ACQUISITION OF HYDROGRAPHIC DATA AND  
6 PROVIDE HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES.—To the extent that  
7 it does not detract from the promotion of safe and efficient  
8 navigation, the Administrator may acquire hydrographic  
9 data and provide hydrographic services to—

10 “(1) support the conservation and management  
11 of coastal and ocean resources;

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

13 “(3) support the resumption of commerce in re-  
14 sponse to emergencies, natural disasters, and man-  
15 made disasters; and

16 “(4) meet homeland security and maritime do-  
17 main awareness needs, including carrying out mis-  
18 sion assignments (as that term is defined in section  
19 641 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management  
20 Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 741)).”.

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

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

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

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

4           (3) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-  
5       lows:

6       “(d) COMPENSATION.—Voting members of the panel  
7       shall be reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses,  
8       including travel and per diem, incurred in the performance  
9       of duties for the panel.”.

10   **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

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

15       “There are authorized to be appropriated to the Ad-  
16       ministrator the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15          “(4) To carry out geodetic functions under this  
16          title—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6       The Act of August 6, 1947 (chapter 504; 33 U.S.C.  
7 883a et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
8 lowing:

9   **“SEC. 11. SHORT TITLE.**

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

Passed the House of Representatives March 31,  
2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*

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