

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1640

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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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