

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1640

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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