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To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to recreational vessels.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Recreational Boating
5 Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 (a) POLLUTANT.—Section 502(6) of the Federal
8 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1362(6)) is
9 amended—

1 (1) by striking “(6) The term ‘pollutant’” and
 2 inserting the following:

3 “(6) POLLUTANT.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘pollutant’”;
 5 and

6 (2) in the second sentence—

7 (A) by striking “This term does not mean”
 8 and inserting the following:

9 “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—

10 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause

11 (ii), the term ‘pollutant’ does not mean”;

12 (B) by striking “(A) sewage” and inserting
 13 the following:

14 “(I) sewage”;

15 (C) by striking “or (B) water” and insert-
 16 ing the following:

17 “(II) water”;

18 (D) by striking the period at the end and
 19 inserting “; or”; and

20 (E) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(II) any deck runoff from a rec-
 22 reational vessel, any engine cooling
 23 water, gray water, bilge water effluent
 24 from properly functioning recreational
 25 marine engine, laundry, shower, and

1 galley sink waste from a recreational
 2 vessel, or any other discharge inci-
 3 dental to the normal operation of a
 4 recreational vessel.

5 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—Clause (i)(III)
 6 does not apply to rubbish, trash, garbage,
 7 or any other similar material discharged
 8 overboard by a recreational vessel.”.

9 (b) RECREATIONAL VESSEL.—Section 502 of the
 10 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1362) is
 11 amended by adding at the end the following:

12 “(25) RECREATIONAL VESSEL.—The term ‘rec-
 13 reational vessel’ means a vessel that is—

14 “(A) manufactured for operation, or oper-
 15 ated, primarily for recreational purposes; or

16 “(B) leased, rented, or chartered to an in-
 17 dividual for recreational purposes.”.

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