

(2) **EXPERTISE.**—Each member of the Committee shall have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in matters relating to the function of the Committee.

(3) **REPRESENTATION.**—Members of the Committee shall be appointed as follows:

(A) 9 members shall represent mariners and, of the 9—

(i) each shall—

(I) be a citizen of the United States; and

(II) hold an active license or certificate issued under chapter 71 of this title or a merchant mariner document issued under chapter 73 of this title;

(ii) 3 shall be deck officers who represent merchant marine deck officers and, of the 3—

(I) 2 shall be licensed for oceans any gross tons;

(II) 1 shall be licensed for inland river route with a limited or unlimited tonnage;

(III) 2 shall have a master's license or a master of towing vessels license;

(IV) 1 shall have significant tanker experience; and

(V) to the extent practicable—

(aa) 1 shall represent labor; and

(bb) 1 shall represent management;

(iii) 3 shall be engineering officers who represent merchant marine engineering officers and, of the 3—

(I) 2 shall be licensed as chief engineer any horsepower;

(II) 1 shall be licensed as either a limited chief engineer or a designated duty engineer; and

(III) to the extent practicable—

(aa) 1 shall represent labor; and

(bb) 1 shall represent management;

(iv) 2 shall be unlicensed seamen who represent merchant marine unlicensed seaman and, of the 2—

(I) 1 shall represent able-bodied seamen; and

(II) 1 shall represent qualified members of the engine department; and

(v) 1 shall be a pilot who represents merchant marine pilots.

(B) 6 members shall represent marine educators and, of the 6—

(i) 3 shall be marine educators who represent maritime academies and, of the 3—

(I) 2 shall represent State maritime academies (and are jointly recommended by such academies); and

(II) 1 shall represent either State maritime academies or the United States Merchant Marine Academy; and

(ii) 3 shall be marine educators who represent other maritime training institutions and, of the 3, 1 shall represent the small vessel industry.

(C) 2 members shall represent shipping companies employed in ship operation management.

(D) 2 members shall represent the general public.

(Added Pub. L. 115-282, title VI, §601(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4282.)

#### § 15104. National Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established a National Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee (in this section referred to as the “Committee”).

(b) **FUNCTION.**—The Committee shall advise the Secretary on matters relating to—

(1) medical certification determinations for the issuance of licenses, certification of registry, and merchant mariners' documents with respect to merchant mariners;

(2) medical standards and guidelines for the physical qualifications of operators of commercial vessels;

(3) medical examiner education; and

(4) medical research.

(c) **MEMBERSHIP.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Committee shall consist of 14 members appointed by the Secretary in accordance with this section and section 15109 of this chapter.

(2) **EXPERTISE.**—Each member of the Committee shall have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in matters relating to the function of the Committee.

(3) **REPRESENTATION.**—Members of the Committee shall be appointed as follows:

(A) 9 shall represent health-care professionals and have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience regarding the medical examinations of merchant mariners or occupational medicine.

(B) 5 shall represent professional mariners and have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in occupational requirements for mariners.

(Added Pub. L. 115-282, title VI, §601(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4283.)

#### § 15105. National Boating Safety Advisory Committee

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established a National Boating Safety Advisory Committee (in this section referred to as the “Committee”).

(b) **FUNCTION.**—The Committee shall advise the Secretary on matters relating to national boating safety.

(c) **MEMBERSHIP.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Committee shall consist of 21 members appointed by the Secretary in accordance with this section and section 15109 of this chapter.

(2) **EXPERTISE.**—Each member of the Committee shall have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in matters relating to the function of the Committee.

(3) **REPRESENTATION.**—Members of the Committee shall be appointed as follows:

(A) 7 members shall represent State officials responsible for State boating safety programs.

(B) 7 members shall represent recreational vessel and associated equipment manufacturers.

(C) 7 members shall represent the general public or national recreational boating orga-

nizations and, of the 7, at least 5 shall represent national recreational boating organizations.

(Added Pub. L. 115-282, title VI, § 601(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4283.)

#### **§ 15106. National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established a National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (in this section referred to as the “Committee”).

(b) **FUNCTION.**—The Committee shall advise the Secretary on matters relating to activities directly involved with, or in support of, the exploration of offshore mineral and energy resources, to the extent that such matters are within the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard.

(c) **MEMBERSHIP.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Committee shall consist of 15 members appointed by the Secretary in accordance with this section and section 15109 of this chapter.

(2) **EXPERTISE.**—Each member of the Committee shall have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in matters relating to the function of the Committee.

(3) **REPRESENTATION.**—Members of the Committee shall be appointed as follows:

(A) 2 members shall represent entities engaged in the production of petroleum.

(B) 2 members shall represent entities engaged in offshore drilling.

(C) 2 members shall represent entities engaged in the support, by offshore supply vessels or other vessels, of offshore operations.

(D) 1 member shall represent entities engaged in the construction of offshore facilities.

(E) 1 member shall represent entities providing diving services to the offshore industry.

(F) 1 member shall represent entities providing safety and training services to the offshore industry.

(G) 1 member shall represent entities providing subsea engineering, construction, or remotely operated vehicle support to the offshore industry.

(H) 2 members shall represent individuals employed in offshore operations and, of the 2, 1 shall have recent practical experience on a vessel or offshore unit involved in the offshore industry.

(I) 1 member shall represent national environmental entities and entities providing environmental protection, compliance, or response services to the offshore industry.

(J) 1 member shall represent entities engaged in offshore oil exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf adjacent to Alaska.

(K) 1 member shall represent the general public (but not a specific environmental group).

(Added Pub. L. 115-282, title VI, § 601(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4284; amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXIII [LXXXIII], § 8331(a), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4702.)

#### **Editorial Notes**

##### **AMENDMENTS**

2021—Subsec. (c)(3)(C). Pub. L. 116-283, § 8331(a)(1), substituted “operations” for “mineral and oil operations, including geophysical services”.

Subsec. (c)(3)(D). Pub. L. 116-283, § 8331(a)(2), struck out “exploration and recovery” before “facilities.”

Subsec. (c)(3)(E). Pub. L. 116-283, § 8331(a)(3), substituted “providing diving services to the offshore industry” for “engaged in diving services related to offshore construction, inspection, and maintenance”.

Subsec. (c)(3)(F). Pub. L. 116-283, § 8331(a)(4), substituted “providing safety and training services to the offshore industry” for “engaged in safety and training services related to offshore exploration and construction”.

Subsec. (c)(3)(G). Pub. L. 116-283, § 8331(a)(5), substituted “providing subsea engineering, construction, or remotely operated vehicle support to the offshore industry” for “engaged in pipelaying services related to offshore construction”.

Subsec. (c)(3)(H). Pub. L. 116-283, § 8331(a)(6), struck out “mineral and energy” before “industry.”

Subsec. (c)(3)(I). Pub. L. 116-283, § 8331(a)(7), inserted “and entities providing environmental protection, compliance, or response services to the offshore industry” after “national environmental entities”.

Subsec. (c)(3)(J). Pub. L. 116-283, § 8331(a)(8), substituted “entities engaged in offshore oil exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf adjacent to Alaska” for “deepwater ports”.

#### **§ 15107. National Navigation Safety Advisory Committee**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established a National Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (in this section referred to as the “Committee”).

(b) **FUNCTION.**—The Committee shall advise the Secretary on matters relating to maritime collisions, rammings, and groundings, Inland Rules of the Road, International Rules of the Road, navigation regulations and equipment, routing measures, marine information, and aids to navigation systems.

(c) **MEMBERSHIP.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Committee shall consist of not more than 21 members appointed by the Secretary in accordance with this section and section 15109 of this chapter.

(2) **EXPERTISE.**—Each member of the Committee shall have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in matters relating to the function of the Committee.

(3) **REPRESENTATION.**—Each member of the Committee shall represent 1 of the following:

(A) Commercial vessel owners or operators.

(B) Professional mariners.

(C) Recreational boaters.

(D) The recreational boating industry.

(E) State agencies responsible for vessel or port safety.

(F) The Maritime Law Association.

(4) **DISTRIBUTION.**—The Secretary shall, based on the needs of the Coast Guard, determine the number of members of the Committee who represent each entity specified in paragraph (3). Neither this paragraph nor any other provision of law shall be construed to require an equal distribution of members representing each entity specified in paragraph (3).