

with each seaman before the seaman commences employment.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsections:

“(c) Each shipping agreement must be signed by the master or individual in charge or a representative of the owner, charterer, or managing operator, and by each seaman employed.

“(d) The owner, charterer, managing operator, master, or individual in charge shall maintain the shipping agreement and make the shipping agreement available to the seaman.”.

SEC. 402. FORM OF AGREEMENTS.

Section 10304 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “Shipping commissioner’s signature or initials” from the form.

SEC. 403. MANNER OF SIGNING AGREEMENTS.

Section 10305 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “a shipping commissioner” and inserting in lieu thereof “the master or individual in charge”;

(2) by striking “(a)”;

(3) by striking subsections (b) and (c).

SEC. 404. EXHIBITING MERCHANT MARINERS’ DOCUMENTS.

Section 10306 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “shipping commissioner” and inserting in lieu thereof “master or individual in charge”.

SEC. 405. REPEAL OF PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO POST AGREEMENT.

Section 10307 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking the last sentence.

SEC. 406. REPEAL OF PENALTY RELATING TO ENGAGING SEAMEN OUTSIDE UNITED STATES.

Section 10308 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “(a)” and by striking subsection (b).

SEC. 407. REPEAL OF PENALTY RELATING TO ENGAGING REPLACEMENT SEAMEN; APPLICATION OF REQUIREMENTS.

Section 10309 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (b) and redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (b).

SEC. 408. ACCOUNTING OF WAGES AND DEDUCTIONS AT PAYOFF OR DISCHARGE.

Section 10310 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “or a shipping commissioner” in the first sentence and by striking the last sentence.

SEC. 409. CERTIFICATES OF DISCHARGE.

Section 10311 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “shipping commissioner” and inserting in lieu thereof “master or individual in charge”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking the last sentence and inserting in lieu thereof “The certificate shall be signed by the master and the seaman.”;

(3) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “Secretary” and inserting in lieu thereof “owner, charterer, managing operator, master, or individual in charge”; and

(4) in subsection (d)(2), by striking “at a cost prescribed by regulation” and inserting in lieu thereof “at the request of the seaman”.

SEC. 410. SETTLEMENTS ON DISCHARGE.

Section 10312 of title 46, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“§ 10312. Settlements on discharge

“When discharge and settlement are completed, the master, individual in charge, or owner and each seaman shall sign the agreement required by section 10302 of this title.”.

SEC. 411. RECORDS OF SEAMEN.

Section 10320 of title 46, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“§ 10320. Records of seamen

“The Secretary shall prescribe regulations requiring vessel owners to maintain records of seamen on matters of engagement, discharge, and service. A vessel owner shall make these records available to the seaman and the Coast Guard on request.”.

Regulations.

SEC. 412. GENERAL PENALTY.

Section 10321 of title 46, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“§ 10321. General penalty

“(a) A person violating any provision of this chapter or a regulation prescribed under this chapter is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000.

“(b) The vessel is liable in rem for any penalty assessed under this section.”.

SEC. 413. SHIPPING ARTICLES AGREEMENTS.

Section 10502 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) The owner, charterer, managing operator, master, or individual in charge shall make a shipping agreement in writing with each seaman before the seaman commences employment.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsections:

“(d) Each shipping agreement must be signed by the master or individual in charge or a representative of the owner, charterer, or managing operator, and by each seaman employed.

“(e) The owner, charterer, managing operator, master, or individual in charge shall maintain the shipping agreement and make the shipping agreement available to the seaman.

“(f) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations requiring shipping companies to maintain records of seamen on matters of engagement, discharge, and service. The shipping companies shall make these records available to the seaman and the Coast Guard on request.”.

Regulations.
Records.

SEC. 414. ADVANCES.

Section 10505 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “\$100” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$5,000”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “\$500” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$5,000”.

SEC. 415. DUTIES OF SHIPPING COMMISSIONERS.

(a) **REPEAL.**—Section 10507 of title 46, United States Code, is repealed.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—The analysis at the beginning of chapter 105 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 10507.

SEC. 416. GENERAL PENALTIES.

Section 10508(b) is amended by striking “\$20” and inserting in lieu thereof “not more than \$5,000”.

SEC. 417. GENERAL REPORT REQUIREMENT.

Section 10103(a) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “without a shipping commissioner being present”; and

(2) by inserting “to the vessel owner” immediately after “shall submit reports”.

SEC. 418. PROCEDURES OF MASTERS REGARDING SEAMAN'S EFFECTS.

Section 10703 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “by regulations prescribed by the Secretary” and inserting in lieu thereof “in section 10706 of this title”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “as prescribed by regulations” and inserting in lieu thereof “to a district court of the United States”; and

(3) in subsection (c), by striking “subsection (a) of this section” and inserting in lieu thereof “section 10706 of this title”.

SEC. 419. SEAMEN DYING IN UNITED STATES.

Section 10706 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking at the end “as provided by regulations prescribed by the Secretary.” and inserting in lieu thereof “to a district court of the United States within one week of the seaman's death. If the seaman's death occurs at sea, such money, property, or wages shall be delivered to a district court or a consular officer within one week of the vessel's arrival at the first port call after the seaman's death.”.

SEC. 420. DELIVERY TO DISTRICT COURT.

(a) **REPEAL.**—Section 10707 of title 46, United States Code, is repealed.

(b) **AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER ANALYSIS.**—The analysis at the beginning of chapter 107 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 10707.

SEC. 421. DISPOSAL OF FORFEITURES.

Section 11505 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking the last sentence and inserting in lieu thereof “The balance shall be transferred to the appropriate district court of the United States when the voyage is completed.”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking the first sentence.

SEC. 422. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) **DUTIES OF MASTERS.**—Section 10702(b) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “a shipping commissioner” and inserting in lieu thereof “the consular officer or court clerk”.

(b) **COMPLAINTS OF UNFITNESS.**—Section 10902(b) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by inserting “Secretary,” immediately after “The complaint may be made to the”;

(B) by striking “Coast Guard shipping commissioner,”; and

(2) in paragraphs (2) and (3), by striking “The officer, commissioner,” each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof “The Secretary, officer,”.

(c) **SHIPPING COMMISSIONER DESIGNATIONS AND DUTIES.**—(1) Section 10102 of title 46, United States Code, is repealed.

(2) The analysis at the beginning of chapter 101 is amended by striking the item relating to section 10102.

TITLE V—PASSENGER VESSEL SAFETY

Passenger
Vessel
Safety Act
of 1993.
46 USC 2101
note.

SEC. 501. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Passenger Vessel Safety Act of 1993”.

SEC. 502. PASSENGER.

Section 2101(21) of title 46, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(21) ‘passenger’—

“(A) means an individual carried on the vessel except—

“(i) the owner or an individual representative of the owner or, in the case of a vessel under charter, an individual charterer or individual representative of the charterer;

“(ii) the master; or

“(iii) a member of the crew engaged in the business of the vessel who has not contributed consideration for carriage and who is paid for on board services;

“(B) on an offshore supply vessel, means an individual carried on the vessel except—

“(i) an individual included in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;

“(ii) an employee of the owner, or of a subcontractor to the owner, engaged in the business of the owner;

“(iii) an employee of the charterer, or of a subcontractor to the charterer, engaged in the business of the charterer; or

“(iv) an individual employed in a phase of exploration, exploitation, or production of offshore mineral or energy resources served by the vessel;

“(C) on a fishing vessel, fish processing vessel, or fish tender vessel, means an individual carried on the vessel except—

“(i) an individual included in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;

“(ii) a managing operator;

“(iii) an employee of the owner, or of a subcontractor to the owner, engaged in the business of the owner;

“(iv) an employee of the charterer, or of a subcontractor to the charterer, engaged in the business of the charterer; or

“(v) an observer or sea sampler on board the vessel pursuant to a requirement of State or Federal law; or

“(D) on a sailing school vessel, means an individual carried on the vessel except—

“(i) an individual included in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;

“(ii) an employee of the owner of the vessel engaged in the business of the owner, except when the vessel is operating under a demise charter;

“(iii) an employee of the demise charterer of the vessel engaged in the business of the demise charterer; or

“(iv) a sailing school instructor or sailing school student.”

SEC. 503. PASSENGER VESSEL.

Section 2101(22) of title 46, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(22) ‘passenger vessel’ means a vessel of at least 100 gross tons—

“(A) carrying more than 12 passengers, including at least one passenger for hire;

“(B) that is chartered and carrying more than 12 passengers; or

“(C) that is a submersible vessel carrying at least one passenger for hire.”

SEC. 504. SMALL PASSENGER VESSEL.

Section 2101(35) of title 46, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(35) ‘small passenger vessel’ means a vessel of less than 100 gross tons—

“(A) carrying more than 6 passengers, including at least one passenger for hire;

“(B) that is chartered with the crew provided or specified by the owner or the owner’s representative and carrying more than 6 passengers;

“(C) that is chartered with no crew provided or specified by the owner or the owner’s representative and carrying more than 12 passengers; or

“(D) that is a submersible vessel carrying at least one passenger for hire.”

SEC. 505. UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSEL.

Section 2101(42) of title 46, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(42) ‘uninspected passenger vessel’ means an uninspected vessel—

“(A) of at least 100 gross tons—

“(i) carrying not more than 12 passengers, including at least one passenger for hire; or

“(ii) that is chartered with the crew provided or specified by the owner or the owner’s representative and carrying not more than 12 passengers; and

“(B) of less than 100 gross tons—

“(i) carrying not more than 6 passengers, including at least one passenger for hire; or

“(ii) that is chartered with the crew provided or specified by the owner or the owner’s representative and carrying not more than 6 passengers.”.

SEC. 506. PASSENGER FOR HIRE.

Section 2101 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by inserting between paragraphs (21) and (22) a new paragraph (21a) to read as follows:

“(21a) ‘passenger for hire’ means a passenger for whom consideration is contributed as a condition of carriage on the vessel, whether directly or indirectly flowing to the owner, charterer, operator, agent, or any other person having an interest in the vessel.”.

SEC. 507. CONSIDERATION.

Section 2101 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by inserting between paragraphs (5) and (6) a new paragraph (5a) to read as follows:

“(5a) ‘consideration’ means an economic benefit, inducement, right, or profit including pecuniary payment accruing to an individual, person, or entity, but not including a voluntary sharing of the actual expenses of the voyage, by monetary contribution or donation of fuel, food, beverage, or other supplies.”.

SEC. 508. OFFSHORE SUPPLY VESSEL.

Section 2101(19) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by inserting “individuals in addition to the crew,” immediately after “supplies,” and by striking everything after “resources” to the period at the end.

SEC. 509. SAILING SCHOOL VESSEL.

Section 2101(30) of title 46, United States Code, is amended in subparagraph (B) by striking “at least 6” and substituting “more than 6”.

SEC. 510. SUBMERSIBLE VESSEL.

Section 2101 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by inserting between paragraphs (37) and (38) a new paragraph (37a) to read as follows:

“(37a) ‘submersible vessel’ means a vessel that is capable of operating below the surface of the water.”.

SEC. 511. GENERAL PROVISION.

(a) Section 2113 of title 46, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“§ 2113. Authority to exempt certain vessels

“If the Secretary decides that the application of a provision of part B, C, F, or G of this subtitle is not necessary in performing the mission of the vessel engaged in excursions or an oceanographic research vessel, or not necessary for the safe operation of certain vessels carrying passengers, the Secretary by regulation may—

“(1) for a vessel, issue a special permit specifying the conditions of operation and equipment;