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Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007

Homeland Security Committee – Reported Bill

SEC. 306. ACCESS FOR SEAMEN.

Seamen assigned to a vessel docked at a facility with a security plan approved under section 70103(c) of title 46, United States Code, and pilots and representatives of seamen's welfare and labor organizations, who board and depart from the vessel in compliance with the provisions of the facility security plan shall be provided access through the facility at no cost to the individual.

Homeland Security Committee Report Language

Section 306 authorizes seaman, pilots, ministers, and labor organizations who board and depart a vessel in compliance with the provisions of the facility security plan to do so at no cost. The Committee is concerned about a growing problem where such individuals are being charged hundreds of dollars for an escort through a facility when boarding or departing vessels.

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee – Reported Bill

SEC. 306. SEAMEN'S SHORESIDE ACCESS.

Each facility security plan approved under section 70103(c) of title 46, United States Code, shall provide a system for seamen assigned to a vessel at that facility, pilots, and representatives of seamen's welfare and labor organizations to board and depart the vessel through the facility in a timely manner at no cost to the individual.

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Report Language

Section 306 requires each facility security plan approved under section 70103(c) of title 46, United States Code, to provide a system for seamen, pilots, ministers, and labor organizations to board and depart the vessel through the facility in a timely manner at no cost to the individual or the vessel. This addresses a growing problem where these individuals or the vessel may be charged hundreds of dollars for being provided an escort through a facility when they board or depart a vessel.