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# H. R. 3352

To reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, and  
for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services  
Improvement Act, and for other purposes.

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 “Hydrographic Services  
5 Improvement Act Amendments of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 Section 302 of the Hydrographic Services Improve-  
8 ment Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892) is amended—

9 (1) by amending paragraph (3) to read as fol-  
10 lows:

1           “(3) HYDROGRAPHIC DATA.—The term ‘hydro-  
2           graphic data’ means information that—

3                   “(A) is acquired through—

4                           “(i) hydrographic, bathymetric, or  
5                           shoreline surveying;

6                           “(ii) geodetic, geospatial, or geo-  
7                           magnetic measurements;

8                           “(iii) tide, water level, and current ob-  
9                           servations; or

10                          “(iv) other methods; and

11                          “(B) is used in providing hydrographic  
12                          services.”;

13           (2) by amending paragraph (4)(A) to read as  
14           follows:

15                          “(A) the management, maintenance, inter-  
16                          pretation, certification, and dissemination of  
17                          bathymetric, hydrographic, shoreline, geodetic,  
18                          geospatial, geomagnetic, and tide, water level,  
19                          and current information, including the produc-  
20                          tion of nautical charts, nautical information  
21                          databases, and other products derived from hy-  
22                          drographic data;”;

23                          (3) by striking paragraph (5).

1 **SEC. 3. FUNCTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR.**

2 Section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improve-  
3 ment Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892a) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) by striking “the Act of 1947,” and in-  
6 serting “the Coast and Geodetic Survey Act (33  
7 U.S.C. 883a et seq.)”; and

8 (B) in paragraph (1) by striking “data;”  
9 and inserting “data and provide hydrographic  
10 services;”;

11 (2) in subsection (b)—

12 (A) by striking “the Act of 1947,” and in-  
13 serting “the Coast and Geodetic Survey Act (33  
14 U.S.C. 883a et seq.)”;

15 (B) in paragraph (3) by striking “title IX  
16 of the Federal Property and Administrative  
17 Services Act of 1949; and” and inserting “sub-  
18 chapter VI of chapter 10 of title 40, United  
19 States Code;”;

20 (C) in paragraph (4) by striking the period  
21 and inserting “; and”; and

22 (D) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(5) may create, support, and maintain a Joint  
24 Hydrographic Institute.”; and

25 (3) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the  
26 following:

1       “(c) ACQUISITION OF HYDROGRAPHIC DATA AND  
2 PROVIDE HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES.—To the extent that  
3 it does not detract from the promotion of safe and efficient  
4 navigation, the Administrator may acquire hydrographic  
5 data and provide hydrographic services to—

6           “(1) support the conservation and management  
7 of coastal and ocean resources;

8           “(2) save and protect life and property;

9           “(3) support the resumption of commerce in re-  
10 sponse to emergencies, natural disasters, and man-  
11 made disasters, and

12           “(4) meet homeland security and maritime do-  
13 main awareness needs, including carrying out mis-  
14 sion assignments (as that term is defined in section  
15 641 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management  
16 Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 741)).”.

17 **SEC. 4. HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES REVIEW PANEL.**

18       Section 305 of the Hydrographic Services Improve-  
19 ment Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892c) is amended—

20           (1) in subsection (c)(1)(A) by striking “Direc-  
21 tor” and inserting “Co-directors”;

22           (2) in subsections (c)(1)(C), (c)(3), and (e) by  
23 striking “Secretary” each place it appears and in-  
24 sserting “Administrator”; and

1           (3) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-  
2       lows:

3       “(d) COMPENSATION.—Voting members of the panel  
4 shall be reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses,  
5 including travel and per diem, incurred in the performance  
6 of duties for the panel.”.

7 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8       Section 306 of the Hydrographic Services Improve-  
9 ment Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892d) is amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 **“SEC. 306. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12       “There are authorized to be appropriated to the Ad-  
13 ministrator the following:

14           “(1) To carry out nautical mapping and chart-  
15 ing functions under sections 303 and 304, except for  
16 conducting hydrographic surveys—

17                   “(A) \$54,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

18                   “(B) \$55,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

19                   “(C) \$56,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

20                   “(D) \$57,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

21           and

22                   “(E) \$58,000,000 for fiscal year 2012.

23           “(2) To contract for hydrographic surveys  
24 under section 303(b)(1), including the leasing or  
25 time chartering of vessels—

1 “(A) \$31,500,000 for fiscal year 2008;

2 “(B) \$32,130,000 for fiscal year 2009;

3 “(C) \$32,760,000 for fiscal year 2010;

4 “(D) \$33,390,000 for fiscal year 2011;

5 and

6 “(E) \$34,020,000 for fiscal year 2012.

7 “(3) To operate hydrographic survey vessels  
8 owned by the United States and operated by the Ad-  
9 ministration—

10 “(A) \$25,400,000 for fiscal year 2008;

11 “(B) \$25,900,000 for fiscal year 2009;

12 “(C) \$26,400,000 for fiscal year 2010;

13 “(D) \$26,900,000 for fiscal year 2011;

14 and

15 “(E) \$27,400,000 for fiscal year 2012.

16 “(4) To carry out geodetic functions under this  
17 title—

18 “(A) \$32,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

19 “(B) \$32,640,000 for fiscal year 2009;

20 “(C) \$32,280,000 for fiscal year 2010;

21 “(D) \$33,920,000 for fiscal year 2011;

22 and

23 “(E) \$34,560,000 for fiscal year 2012.

24 “(5) To carry out tide and current measure-  
25 ment functions under this title—

- 1           “(A) \$26,500,000 for fiscal year 2008;  
2           “(B) \$27,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;  
3           “(C) \$27,500,000 for fiscal year 2010;  
4           “(D) \$28,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;  
5           and  
6           “(E) \$28,500,000 for fiscal year 2012.

7           “(6) To acquire a hydrographic survey vessel  
8           capable of staying at sea continuously for at least 30  
9           days \$75,000,000.”.

10 **SEC. 6. ADDITION OF SHORT TITLE TO EXISTING LAW.**

11           The Act of August 6, 1947 (chapter 504; 33 U.S.C.  
12 883a et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
13 lowing:

14 **“SEC. 11. SHORT TITLE.**

15           “‘This Act may be cited as the ‘Coast and Geodetic  
16 Survey Act’.”.

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