

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 221

AN ACT

To reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act
of 1998, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Hydrographic Services
3 Improvement Amendments Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES**
5 **IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1998.**

6 (a) REAUTHORIZATIONS.—Section 306 of the Hydro-
7 graphic Services Improvement Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C.
8 892d) is amended—

9 (1) by inserting before “There are authorized”
10 the following: “(a) IN GENERAL.—”;

11 (2) in subsection (a) (as designated by para-
12 graph (1))—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “sur-
14 veys—” and all that follows through the end of
15 the paragraph and inserting “surveys,
16 \$70,814,000 for each of fiscal years 2019
17 through 2023.”;

18 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “ves-
19 sels—” and all that follows through the end of
20 the paragraph and inserting “vessels,
21 \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019
22 through 2023.”;

23 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “Admin-
24 istration—” and all that follows through the
25 end of the paragraph and inserting “Adminis-

1 tration, \$29,932,000 for each of fiscal years
2 2019 through 2023.”;

3 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking
4 “title—” and all that follows through the end
5 of the paragraph and inserting “title,
6 \$26,800,000 for each of fiscal years 2019
7 through 2023.”; and

8 (E) in paragraph (5), by striking
9 “title—” and all that follows through the end
10 of the paragraph and inserting “title,
11 \$30,564,000 for each of fiscal years 2019
12 through 2023.”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
14 section:

15 “(b) ARCTIC PROGRAMS.—Of the amount authorized
16 by this section for each fiscal year—

17 “(1) \$10,000,000 is authorized for use to ac-
18 quire hydrographic data, provide hydrographic serv-
19 ices, conduct coastal change analyses necessary to
20 ensure safe navigation, and improve the manage-
21 ment of coastal change in the Arctic; and

22 “(2) \$2,000,000 is authorized for use to ac-
23 quire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic
24 services in the Arctic necessary to delineate the
25 United States extended Continental Shelf.”.

1 (b) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR
 2 SURVEYS.—Section 306 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 892d) is
 3 further amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(c) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES
 5 FOR SURVEYS.—Of amounts authorized by this section for
 6 each fiscal year for hydrographic surveys, not more than
 7 5 percent is authorized for administrative costs.”.

8 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY.**

9 The Comptroller General of the United States shall,
 10 by not later than 18 months after the date of enactment
 11 of this Act—

12 (1) conduct a study comparing the unit costs of
 13 hydrographic surveys conducted by the National
 14 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the
 15 unit costs of procuring performance of such surveys;
 16 and

17 (2) report to the Congress on the findings of
 18 such study.

Passed the House of Representatives June 25, 2018.

Attest:

Clerk.

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