

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2546

To establish the position of Secretary of the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2025

Mr. EZELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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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 “Secretary of the Coast
5 Guard Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. SECRETARY OF THE COAST GUARD.**

7 (a) SECRETARY OF THE COAST GUARD.—Subtitle I
8 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating section 106 as section 107;

10 (2) by inserting after section 105 the following:

1 **“§ 106. Secretary of the Coast Guard defined**

2 “In this title, the term ‘Secretary of the Coast Guard’
3 means the Secretary of the Coast Guard established in
4 section 201.”; and

5 (3) by inserting after section 107, as so redesign-
6 nated, the following:

7 **“CHAPTER 2—SECRETARY OF THE COAST**
8 **GUARD**

“201. Secretary of the Coast Guard.

9 **“§ 201. Secretary of the Coast Guard**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is a Secretary of the Coast
11 Guard, appointed by the President, by and with the advice
12 and consent of the Senate.

13 “(b) POWERS.—Subject to the authority, direction,
14 and control of the Secretary, the Secretary of the Coast
15 Guard shall exercise the powers of the Secretary in section
16 501, and other duties as may be prescribed by law or by
17 the President or Secretary, in directing the Coast Guard.

18 “(c) REPORTING.—The Secretary of the Coast Guard
19 shall report directly to the Secretary without being re-
20 quired to report through any other official of the depart-
21 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating.

22 “(d) COMMANDANT REPORTING.—The Command-
23 ment shall report directly to the Secretary of the Coast
24 Guard.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
2 ter 1 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by strik-
3 ing the item relating to section 106 and inserting the fol-
4 lowing:

“106. Secretary of the Coast Guard defined.
“107. Commandant defined.”.

