Port Security Grant Program Cyber Funding

This proposal implements the recommendation to increase the cybersecurity funding in the Port Security Grant Program and Port Infrastructure Development Program.

A BILL

To establish a program within the United States Coast Guard to increase the cybersecurity funding in the Port Security Grant Program.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

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(a) Amendments.—

- (1) Paragraph (a)(2)(C) of chapter 70103 of title 46, United States Code is amended by adding before the ".", "including a cybersecurity incident".
- (2) Paragraph (b)(2) of chapter 70107 of title 46, United States Code is amended by adding after "security vessels,", "cybersecurity tools and assessments,".
- (3) Chapter 70107 of title 46, United States Code is amended by adding at the end—
- "(n) Cybersecurity activities.—Of the amounts made available for grants under this section for a given fiscal year, not less than 8 percent shall be used to make grants to improve the cybersecurity of ports."

Line-in; Line-out

46 U.S. Code § 70103 - Maritime transportation security plans

- (a) National Maritime Transportation Security Plan.—
 - (1) The Secretary shall prepare a National Maritime Transportation Security Plan for deterring and responding to a transportation security incident.
 - (2) The National Maritime Transportation Security Plan shall provide for efficient, coordinated, and effective action to deter and minimize damage from a transportation security incident, and shall include the following:
 - (A) Assignment of duties and responsibilities among Federal departments and agencies and coordination with State and local governmental agencies.
 - (B) Identification of security resources.
 - (C) Procedures and techniques to be employed in deterring a national transportation security incident, including a cybersecurity incident.

46 U.S. Code § 70107 - Grants

(a) In general.—

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- (b) Eligible Costs.—The following costs of funding the correction of Coast Guard identified vulnerabilities in port security and ensuring compliance with Area Maritime Transportation Security Plans and facility security plans are eligible to be funded:
 - (1) Salary, benefits, overtime compensation, retirement contributions, and other costs of additional Coast Guard-mandated security personnel.
 - (2) The cost of acquisition, operation, and maintenance of security equipment or facilities to be used for security monitoring and recording, security gates and fencing, marine barriers for designated security zones, security-related lighting systems, remote surveillance, concealed video systems, security vessels, cybersecurity tools and assessments, and other security-related infrastructure or equipment that contributes to the overall security of passengers, cargo, or crewmembers. Grants awarded under this section may not be used to construct buildings or other physical facilities, except those which are constructed under terms and conditions consistent with the requirements under section 611(j)(8) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196(j)(8)), including those facilities in support of this paragraph, and specifically approved by the Secretary. Costs eligible for funding under this paragraph may not exceed the greater of—
- (n) Cybersecurity activities.—Of the amounts made available for grants under this section for a given fiscal year, not less than 8 percent shall be used to make grants to improve the cybersecurity of ports.

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