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90TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 10466

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 1, 1967

Mrs. DWYER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

A BILL

To authorize regulations requiring certain vessels to use bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone communications while operating in certain areas of the navigable waters of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SHORT TITLE**

4 **SECTION 1.** This Act may be cited as the "Navigational
5 Safety Radio Act of 1967".

6 **REGULATIONS AUTHORIZED**

7 **SEC. 2.** For the purpose of promoting safety in navi-
8 gation the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast
9 Guard is operating (hereinafter referred to as the "Secre-
10 tary") is authorized (1) to establish regulations, subject

1 to the provisions of chapters 5 and 7 of title 5 of the United
2 States Code, requiring bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone equip-
3 ment aboard vessels described in section 3 while such vessels
4 are in operation in waters described in such section and
5 governing the use of such equipment while such vessels are
6 in such operation, (2) to provide for the enforcement of
7 such regulations by the Coast Guard, and (3) to provide
8 for such exemptions from such regulations as he deems
9 advisable.

10 Such regulations shall be established after consultation
11 with the Federal Communications Commission and shall
12 incorporate the recommendations of such Commission with
13 respect to such radio equipment and operation matters as
14 the Commission determines to be ordinarily within the scope
15 of its jurisdiction under the provisions of the Communications
16 Act of 1934.

17 VESSELS AND WATERS TO WHICH APPLICABLE

18 SEC. 3. Regulations established pursuant to this Act
19 shall apply to—

20 (1) vessels which (A) are power driven and of
21 three hundred gross tons or over, (B) are passenger-
22 carrying vessels of one hundred gross tons or over, or
23 (C) are dredges or other floating plants in or near
24 channels or fairways while engaged in operations which

1 physically restrict or affect another vessel's movement;
2 and

3 (2) while such vessels are in operation in the
4 navigable waters of the United States other than the
5 Great Lakes and the Mississippi River and its tribu-
6 taries north of the Baton Rouge Highway and Railway
7 Bridge at mile 232.8 above Head of Passes.

8 FORFEITURES

9 SEC. 4. (a) Any vessel that is operated in violation of
10 regulations established pursuant to this Act shall forfeit to
11 the United States the sum of \$500, recoverable by way of
12 suit or libel. Each day during which such operation occurs
13 shall constitute a separate offense.

14 (b) Every willful failure on the part of the master of a
15 vessel to comply with regulations established pursuant to
16 this Act shall cause him to forfeit to the United States the
17 sum of \$100.

18 (c) The penalties provided by this section shall not
19 apply to vessels (or masters thereof) operated by the Fed-
20 eral Government.

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