

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To authorize safety and prevention training programs for fishing vessel operators and crewmembers, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

To authorize safety and prevention training programs for fishing vessel operators and crewmembers, 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 “Fishing Industry Safe-  
5 ty, Health, and Wellness Improvement Act of 2023” or  
6 the “FISH Wellness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SAFETY STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN FISHING VES-**  
2 **SELS.**

3 Section 4502 of title 46, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (i)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1)—

7 (i) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by strik-  
8 ing “and” after the semicolon;

9 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph  
10 (B) as subparagraph (C); and

11 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph  
12 (A) the following:

13 “(B) to conduct safety and prevention training  
14 that addresses behavioral and physical health risks,  
15 to include substance use disorder and worker fa-  
16 tigue, facing fishing vessel operators and crew-  
17 members; and”;

18 (B) by striking paragraph (3);

19 (C) by redesignating paragraph (4) as  
20 paragraph (3); and

21 (D) in paragraph (3), as redesignated by  
22 subparagraph (C), by striking “\$3,000,000 for  
23 fiscal year 2023” and inserting “\$6,000,000 for  
24 each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025”;

25 (2) in subsection (j)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and se-  
2 vere weather detection” and inserting “severe  
3 weather detection, and understanding and miti-  
4 gating behavioral and physical health risks, to  
5 include substance use disorder and worker fa-  
6 tigue, facing members of the commercial fishing  
7 industry”;

8 (B) by striking paragraph (3);

9 (C) by redesignating paragraph (4) as  
10 paragraph (3); and

11 (D) in paragraph (3), as redesignated by  
12 subparagraph (C), by striking “\$3,000,000 for  
13 fiscal year 2023” and inserting “\$6,000,000 for  
14 each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025”;

15 (3) by redesignating subsection (k) as sub-  
16 section (l); and

17 (4) by inserting after subsection (j) the fol-  
18 lowing:

19 “(k) From amounts appropriated under subsections  
20 (i)(3) and (j)(3) for a fiscal year, the Secretary may trans-  
21 fer to the Secretary of Health and Human Services funds  
22 to pay for the Secretary’s administration of the grant pro-  
23 grams under subsections (i) and (j) for such fiscal year.”.