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115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6206

**[Report No. 115–1020]**

To direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to establish a Blue Technology center of expertise, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself and Mr. HUNTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

NOVEMBER 13, 2018

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

# **A BILL**

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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 “Coast Guard Blue  
5 Technology Center of Expertise Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COAST GUARD BLUE TECHNOLOGY CENTER OF EX-**  
7 **PERTISE.**

8       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year after  
9 the date of the enactment of this Act and subject to the  
10 availability of appropriations, the Commandant shall es-  
11 tablish under section 58 of title 14, United States Code,  
12 a Blue Technology center of expertise.

13       (b) MISSIONS.—In addition to the missions listed in  
14 section 58(b) of title 14, United States Code, the Center—

15               (1) shall—

16                       (A) promote awareness within the Coast  
17                       Guard of the range and diversity of Blue Tech-  
18                       nologies and their potential to enhance Coast  
19                       Guard mission readiness, operational perform-  
20                       ance, and regulation of such technologies;

21                       (B) function as an interactive conduit to  
22                       enable the sharing and dissemination of Blue  
23                       Technology information between the Coast  
24                       Guard and representatives from the private sec-

1           tor, academia, nonprofit organizations, and  
2           other Federal agencies;

3           (C) increase awareness among Blue Tech-  
4           nology manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and ven-  
5           dors of Coast Guard acquisition policies, proce-  
6           dures, and business practices; and

7           (D) provide technical support, coordina-  
8           tion, and assistance to Coast Guard districts  
9           and the Coast Guard Research and Develop-  
10          ment Center, as appropriate; and

11          (2) subject to the requirements of the Coast  
12          Guard Academy, may coordinate with the Academy  
13          to develop appropriate curricula regarding Blue  
14          Technology to be offered in professional courses of  
15          study to give Coast Guard cadets and officer can-  
16          didates a greater background and understanding of  
17          Blue Technologies.

18          (c) BLUE TECHNOLOGY EXPOSITION; BRIEFING.—  
19          Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment  
20          of this Act, the Commandant shall provide to the Com-  
21          mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House  
22          of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
23          Science, and Transportation of the Senate a briefing on  
24          the costs and benefits of hosting a biennial Coast Guard  
25          Blue Technology exposition to further interactions be-

1 tween representatives from the private sector, academia,  
2 and nonprofit organizations, and the Coast Guard and ex-  
3 amine emerging technologies and Coast Guard mission de-  
4 mands.

5 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) CENTER.—The term “Center” means the  
7 Blue Technology center of expertise established  
8 under this section.

9 (2) COMMANDANT.—The term “Commandant”  
10 means the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

11 (3) BLUE TECHNOLOGY.—The term “Blue  
12 Technology” means any technology, system, or plat-  
13 form that—

14 (A) is designed for use or application  
15 above, on, or below the sea surface or that is  
16 otherwise applicable to Coast Guard operational  
17 needs, including such a technology, system, or  
18 platform that provides continuous or persistent  
19 coverage; and

20 (B) supports or facilitates—

21 (i) maritime domain awareness, in-  
22 cluding—

23 (I) surveillance and monitoring;

24 (II) observation, measurement,  
25 and modeling; or

- 1 (III) information technology and
- 2 communications;
- 3 (ii) search and rescue;
- 4 (iii) emergency response;
- 5 (iv) maritime law enforcement;
- 6 (v) marine inspections and investiga-
- 7 tions; or
- 8 (vi) protection and conservation of the
- 9 marine environment.



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