

## SUMMARY of US Coast Guard Act of 2010



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### *H.R. 3619, AS AMENDED, THE "COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010" INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES L. OBERSTAR*

H.R. 3619, as amended, the "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010", is the annual authorization act for the Coast Guard. Specifically, the legislation authorizes annual appropriations for the service and authorizes the end-of-year strength for military personnel, and incorporates other provisions addressing marine safety, port security, Coast Guard management structure, and acquisition reform. Specifically, the bill:

Establishes necessary funding levels.— Establishes authorization levels to provide funding to allow the Coast Guard to meet its critical missions of marine safety and maritime security. H.R. 3619 authorizes \$10.2 billion in fiscal year 2011 for the Coast Guard and increases the authorized end-strength for military personnel by 1,500 members to 47,000 total personnel.

Dollars (in millions)	FY 2011
Operation and Expenses	\$6,970.7
Acquisition, Construction and Improvements	1,640.0
Retired Pay	1,400.7
Reserve Training	135.7
Research, Development, Test and Evaluation	28.0
Alteration of Bridges	16.0
Environmental Compliance and Restoration	13.3
Total	\$10,204.4

Makes administrative changes to the Coast Guard. Authorizes reimbursement of expenses incurred for travel for medical reasons to Coast Guard personnel who live in remote locations. Establishes numbers of commissioned Coast Guard officers. Authorizes Coast Guard veterans to access the Armed Forces Retirement Home system. Authorizes active duty Coast Guard personnel who are assigned in support of a major disaster or spill of national significance to retain leave. Authorizes the Coast Guard to retain and promote officers that have specialized skills to meet the needs of the Coast Guard. Establishes compulsory retirement for commissioned Coast Guard officers.

Makes changes to laws applying to shipping and navigation. Creates a civil penalty for