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To require the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate rules pertaining to the use of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System if such system is required on board United States ships.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 19, 1993

Mr. INOUYE (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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. PROMULGATION OF RULES PERTAINING TO

4 USE OF GMDSS.

5 If the Federal Communications Commission (here-
6 after referred to as the “Commission”) requires the use
7 of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (here-
8 after referred to as the “GMDSS”) on board United

1 States ships of more than 1,600 gross tons, the Commis-
2 sion shall require, by rule—
3 (1) that one individual tested and certified by
4 the Commission as competent shall be capable of on
5 board maintenance and repair of the GMDSS; and
6 (2) that testing and certification standards for
7 radio officers and operators on board such ships be
8 upgraded to include competency standards for at-sea
9 operation, maintenance, and repair of the GMDSS.

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