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To require Navy compliance with shipboard solid waste control requirements

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. STEVENS 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. NAVY COMPLIANCE WITH SHIPBOARD SOLID
4 WASTE CONTROL REQUIREMENTS.**

5 Section 3(c) of the Act to Prevent Pollution from
6 Ships (33 U.S.C. 1902(c)) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(c) DISCHARGES IN SPECIAL AREAS.—

8 “(1) Not later than December 31, 2000, all
9 surface ships owned or operated by the Department
10 of the Navy, and not later than December 31, 2008,
11 all submersibles owned or operated by the Depart-

1 ment of the Navy, shall comply with the special area
2 requirements of Regulation 5 of Annex V to the
3 Convention, except as provided in paragraphs (2)
4 and (3) of this subsection.

5 “(2) Vessels owned or operated by the Depart-
6 ment of the Navy for which the Secretary of the
7 Navy determines that, due to a uniquely military de-
8 sign, construction, manning or operating require-
9 ments, full compliance with paragraph (1) would not
10 be technologically feasible, or would impair the ves-
11 sel’s operations or operational capability, are author-
12 ized to discharge non-plastic and non-floating
13 garbage consisting of—

14 “(A) a slurry of seawater, paper, card-
15 board and food waste, provided such slurry is
16 discharged not less than three nautical miles
17 from the nearest land and is capable of passing
18 through a screen with openings of no greater
19 than 12 millimeters; and

20 “(B) metal and glass garbage that has
21 been shredded and bagged to ensure negative
22 buoyancy and is discharged not less than twelve
23 nautical miles from the nearest land.

1 “(3) Not later than December 31, 2000, the
2 Secretary of the Navy shall publish in the Federal
3 Register—

4 “(A) a list of those vessels planned to be
5 decommissioned between January 1, 2001, and
6 December 31, 2005; and

7 “(B) standards to ensure, so far as reasonable
8 and practicable, without impairing the operations
9 or operational capabilities of such vessels, that such vessels act in a manner that is
10 consistent with the special area requirements of
11 Regulation 5 of Annex V.

13 “(4) Notwithstanding paragraphs (2) and (3) of
14 this section, it shall be the goal of the Department
15 of the Navy to achieve eventual full compliance with
16 Annex V as part of the Department’s ongoing development
17 of environmentally sound ships.”.

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