

Increased Jones Act Oversight in the Works



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Jones Act interests have complained that U.S. coastwise laws, particularly as applied in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, lack rigorous enforcement. [The Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 \(section 216\)](#) responds by making explicit the Coast Guard's authority to enforce the Jones Act, and it directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a report to Congressional committees on "the enforcement strategies and enforcement actions taken to enforce the coastwise trade laws." The report is due in October 2011 and could serve as a spring-board for pro-Jones Act advocates to renew focus on Jones Act enforcement.

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