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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To modify a provision relating to the policy on the issuance of warrants and subpoenas and whistleblower protections by agents of the Coast Guard Investigative Service.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 2297

To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. BLUMENTHAL

Viz:

- 1 Strike section 234 and insert the following:
- 2 **SEC. 234. SENSE OF CONGRESS AND REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY ON ISSUANCE OF**
- 3 **WARRANTS AND SUBPOENAS AND WHISTLE-**
- 4 **BLOWER PROTECTIONS BY AGENTS OF THE**
- 5 **COAST GUARD INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE.**

7 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

- 9 (1) Coast Guard components with investigate
- 10 authority should exercise such authority with due respect for the rights of whistleblowers; and
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1 (2) the Commandant should—

2 (A) ensure compliance with the legal re-
3 quirements intended to protect whistleblowers;
4 and

5 (B) create an environment in which whis-
6 tleblowers do not fear reprisal for reporting
7 misconduct.

8 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Com-
10 mandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce,
11 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-
12 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
13 of Representatives a report on the policy of the Coast
14 Guard on the issuance of warrants and subpoenas and
15 whistleblower protections by agents of the Coast Guard
16 Investigative Service.

17 (c) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
18 (b) shall include the following:

19 (1) A discussion of current and any new policy
20 of the Coast Guard on the issuance of warrants and
21 subpoenas and whistleblower protections by agents
22 of the Coast Guard Investigative Service, including
23 Coast Guard Investigative Service Criminal Inves-
24 tigation Operating Procedure CIOP 2019–02, and

1 the differences between such current policies and
2 new policies.

3 (2) A plan (including milestones) for the imple-
4 mentation of the following:

5 (A) Incorporation of Coast Guard Inves-
6 tigative Service Criminal Investigation Oper-
7 ating Procedure CIOP 2019-02 into the next
8 revision of the relevant Coast Guard investiga-
9 tive manual.

10 (B) Training on the policy described in
11 paragraph (1) for the following:

12 (i) Agents and legal counsel of the
13 Coast Guard Investigative Service.

14 (ii) Personnel of the Office of General
15 Law.

16 (iii) Relevant Coast Guard head-
17 quarters personnel.

18 (iv) Such other Coast Guard per-
19 sonnel as the Commandant considers ap-
20 propriate.