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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require an aqua alert notification system pilot program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 4802

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 At the end of subtitle A of title II, add the following:

2 **SEC. _____. AQUA ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM PILOT**

3 **PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the

5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall,

6 subject to the availability of appropriations, establish a

7 pilot program to improve the issuance of alerts to facilitate

8 cooperation with the public to render aid to distressed in-

9 dividuals under section 521 of title 14, United States

10 Code.

1 (b) PILOT PROGRAM CONTENTS.—The pilot program
2 established under subsection (a) shall, to the maximum
3 extent possible—

4 (1) include a voluntary opt-in program under
5 which members of the public, as appropriate, and
6 the entities described in subsection (c), may receive
7 notifications on cellular devices regarding Coast
8 Guard activities to render aid to distressed individ-
9 uals under section 521 of title 14, United States
10 Code;

11 (2) cover areas located within the area of re-
12 sponsibility of 3 different Coast Guard sectors in di-
13 verse geographic regions; and

14 (3) provide that the dissemination of an alert
15 shall be limited to the geographic areas most likely
16 to facilitate the rendering of aid to distressed indi-
17 viduals.

18 (c) CONSULTATION.—In developing the pilot program
19 under subsection (a), the Commandant shall consult—

20 (1) the head of any relevant Federal agency;

21 (2) the government of any relevant State;

22 (3) any Tribal government;

23 (4) the government of any relevant territory or
24 possession of the United States; and

1 (5) any relevant political subdivision of an enti-
2 ty described in paragraph (2), (3), or (4).

3 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
6 thereafter through 2026, the Commandant shall
7 submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
8 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
9 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
10 Representatives a report on the implementation of
11 this section.

12 (2) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Commandant
13 shall make the report submitted under paragraph
14 (1) available to the public.

15 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
16 authorized to be appropriated to the Commandant to carry
17 out this section \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
18 through 2026, to remain available until expended.