

(i) 3 shall be marine educators who represent maritime academies and, of the 3—

(I) 2 shall represent State maritime academies (and are jointly recommended by such academies); and

(II) 1 shall represent either State maritime academies or the United States Merchant Marine Academy; and

(ii) 3 shall be marine educators who represent other maritime training institutions and, of the 3, 1 shall represent the small vessel industry.

(C) 2 members shall represent shipping companies employed in ship operation management.

(D) 2 members shall represent the general public.

(Added Pub. L. 115-282, title VI, §601(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4282.)

**§ 15104. National Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a National Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee (in this section referred to as the “Committee”).

(b) FUNCTION.—The Committee shall advise the Secretary on matters relating to—

(1) medical certification determinations for the issuance of licenses, certification of registry, and merchant mariners’ documents with respect to merchant mariners;

(2) medical standards and guidelines for the physical qualifications of operators of commercial vessels;

(3) medical examiner education; and

(4) medical research.

(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall consist of 14 members appointed by the Secretary in accordance with this section and section 15109 of this chapter.

(2) EXPERTISE.—Each member of the Committee shall have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in matters relating to the function of the Committee.

(3) REPRESENTATION.—Members of the Committee shall be appointed as follows:

(A) 9 shall represent health-care professionals and have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience regarding the medical examinations of merchant mariners or occupational medicine.

(B) 5 shall represent professional mariners and have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in occupational requirements for mariners.

(Added Pub. L. 115-282, title VI, §601(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4283.)

**§ 15105. National Boating Safety Advisory Committee**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a National Boating Safety Advisory Committee (in this section referred to as the “Committee”).

(b) FUNCTION.—The Committee shall advise the Secretary on matters relating to national boating safety.

(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall consist of 21 members appointed by the Secretary in accordance with this section and section 15109 of this chapter.

(2) EXPERTISE.—Each member of the Committee shall have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in matters relating to the function of the Committee.

(3) REPRESENTATION.—Members of the Committee shall be appointed as follows:

(A) 7 members shall represent State officials responsible for State boating safety programs.

(B) 7 members shall represent recreational vessel and associated equipment manufacturers.

(C) 7 members shall represent the general public or national recreational boating organizations and, of the 7, at least 5 shall represent national recreational boating organizations.

(Added Pub. L. 115-282, title VI, §601(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4283.)

**§ 15106. National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (in this section referred to as the “Committee”).

(b) FUNCTION.—The Committee shall advise the Secretary on matters relating to activities directly involved with, or in support of, the exploration of offshore mineral and energy resources, to the extent that such matters are within the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard.

(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall consist of 15 members appointed by the Secretary in accordance with this section and section 15109 of this chapter.

(2) EXPERTISE.—Each member of the Committee shall have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in matters relating to the function of the Committee.

(3) REPRESENTATION.—Members of the Committee shall be appointed as follows:

(A) 2 members shall represent entities engaged in the production of petroleum.

(B) 2 members shall represent entities engaged in offshore drilling.

(C) 2 members shall represent entities engaged in the support, by offshore supply vessels or other vessels, of offshore mineral and oil operations, including geophysical services.

(D) 1 member shall represent entities engaged in the construction of offshore exploration and recovery facilities.

(E) 1 member shall represent entities engaged in diving services related to offshore construction, inspection, and maintenance.

(F) 1 member shall represent entities engaged in safety and training services related to offshore exploration and construction.

(G) 1 member shall represent entities engaged in pipelaying services related to offshore construction.

(H) 2 members shall represent individuals employed in offshore operations and, of the

2, 1 shall have recent practical experience on a vessel or offshore unit involved in the offshore mineral and energy industry.

(I) 1 member shall represent national environmental entities.

(J) 1 member shall represent deepwater ports.

(K) 1 member shall represent the general public (but not a specific environmental group).

(Added Pub. L. 115-282, title VI, §601(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4284.)

#### § 15107. National Navigation Safety Advisory Committee

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a National Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (in this section referred to as the “Committee”).

(b) FUNCTION.—The Committee shall advise the Secretary on matters relating to maritime collisions, ramblings, and groundings, Inland Rules of the Road, International Rules of the Road, navigation regulations and equipment, routing measures, marine information, and aids to navigation systems.

(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall consist of not more than 21 members appointed by the Secretary in accordance with this section and section 15109 of this chapter.

(2) EXPERTISE.—Each member of the Committee shall have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in matters relating to the function of the Committee.

(3) REPRESENTATION.—Each member of the Committee shall represent 1 of the following:

- (A) Commercial vessel owners or operators.
- (B) Professional mariners.
- (C) Recreational boaters.
- (D) The recreational boating industry.
- (E) State agencies responsible for vessel or port safety.
- (F) The Maritime Law Association.

(4) DISTRIBUTION.—The Secretary shall, based on the needs of the Coast Guard, determine the number of members of the Committee who represent each entity specified in paragraph (3). Neither this paragraph nor any other provision of law shall be construed to require an equal distribution of members representing each entity specified in paragraph (3).

(Added Pub. L. 115-282, title VI, §601(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4285.)

#### § 15108. National Towing Safety Advisory Committee

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a National Towing Safety Advisory Committee (in this section referred to as the “Committee”).

(b) FUNCTION.—The Committee shall advise the Secretary on matters relating to shallow-draft inland navigation, coastal waterway navigation, and towing safety.

(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall consist of 18 members appointed by the Secretary

in accordance with this section and section 15109 of this chapter.

(2) EXPERTISE.—Each member of the Committee shall have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in matters relating to the function of the Committee.

(3) REPRESENTATION.—Members of the Committee shall be appointed as follows:

(A) 7 members shall represent the barge and towing industry, reflecting a regional geographic balance.

(B) 1 member shall represent the offshore mineral and oil supply vessel industry.

(C) 1 member shall represent masters and pilots of towing vessels who hold active licenses and have experience on the Western Rivers and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

(D) 1 member shall represent masters of towing vessels in offshore service who hold active licenses.

(E) 1 member shall represent masters of active ship-docking or harbor towing vessels.

(F) 1 member shall represent licensed and unlicensed towing vessel engineers with formal training and experience.

(G) 2 members shall represent port districts, authorities, or terminal operators.

(H) 2 members shall represent shippers and, of the 2, 1 shall be engaged in the shipment of oil or hazardous materials by barge.

(I) 2 members shall represent the general public.

(Added Pub. L. 115-282, title VI, §601(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4285.)

#### § 15109. Administration

(a) MEETINGS.—Each committee established under this chapter shall, at least once each year, meet at the call of the Secretary or a majority of the members of the committee.

(b) EMPLOYEE STATUS.—A member of a committee established under this chapter shall not be considered an employee of the Federal Government by reason of service on such committee, except for the purposes of the following:

(1) Chapter 81 of title 5.

(2) Chapter 171 of title 28 and any other Federal law relating to tort liability.

(c) COMPENSATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (b), a member of a committee established under this chapter, when actually engaged in the performance of the duties of such committee, may—

(1) receive compensation at a rate established by the Secretary, not to exceed the maximum daily rate payable under section 5376 of title 5; or

(2) if not compensated in accordance with paragraph (1)—

(A) be reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of such duties; or

(B) be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5.

(d) ACCEPTANCE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES.—A member of a committee established under this chapter may serve on such committee on a vol-