

(b) **MINIMUM STANDARDS.**—The standards established by the Secretary under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) the training and certification of vessel security personnel, crewmembers, and law enforcement officials in accordance with accepted law enforcement and security guidelines, policies, and procedures, including recommendations for incorporating a background check process for personnel trained and certified in foreign ports;

(2) the training of students and instructors in all aspects of prevention, detection, evidence preservation, and reporting of criminal activities in the international maritime environment; and

(3) the provision or recognition of off-site training and certification courses in the United States and foreign countries to develop and provide the required training and certification described in subsection (a) and to enhance security awareness and security practices related to the preservation of evidence in response to crimes on board passenger vessels.

(c) **CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.**—No vessel to which this section applies may enter a United States port on a voyage (or voyage segment) on which a United States citizen is a passenger unless there is at least 1 crewmember onboard who is certified as having successfully completed training in the prevention, detection, evidence preservation, and reporting of criminal activities in the international maritime environment on passenger vessels under subsection (a).

(d) **CIVIL PENALTY.**—Any person that violates this section or a regulation under this section shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than \$50,000.

(e) **DENIAL OF ENTRY.**—The Secretary may deny entry into the United States to a vessel to which this section applies if the owner of the vessel—

(1) commits an act or omission for which a penalty may be imposed under subsection (d); or

(2) fails to pay a penalty imposed on the owner under subsection (d).

(Added Pub. L. 111-207, §3(a), July 27, 2010, 124 Stat. 2250; amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. C, title XXXV, §3543(b), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2324.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-232, §3543(b)(1), substituted “The Secretary” for “Within 1 year after the date of enactment of the Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act of 2010, the Secretary” and “maintain” for “develop”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 115-232, §3543(b)(2), substituted “No” for “Beginning 2 years after the standards are established under subsection (b), no”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 115-232, §3543(b)(3), redesignated subsec. (e) as (d) and struck out former subsec. (d) which related to interim training requirement.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 115-232, §3543(b)(3), (4), redesignated subsec. (f) as (e) and substituted “subsection (d)” for “subsection (e)” in pars. (1) and (2). Former subsec. (e) redesignated (d).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 115-232, §3543(b)(3), redesignated subsec. (f) as (e).

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### DEFINITIONS

For definition of “owner” as used in this section, see section 3507(l) of this title.

#### § 3509. Medical standards

The owner of a vessel to which section 3507 applies shall ensure that—

(1) a physician is always present and available to treat any passengers who may be on board the vessel in the event of an emergency situation;

(2) the vessel is in compliance with the Health Care Guidelines for Cruise Ship Medical Facilities established by the American College of Emergency Physicians; and

(3) the initial safety briefing given to the passengers on board the vessel includes—

(A) the location of the vessel’s medical facilities; and

(B) the appropriate steps passengers should follow during a medical emergency.

(Added Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXIII [LXXXIII], §8322(a), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4702.)

#### § 3510. Additional medical and safety standards

(a) **AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and other appropriate Federal agencies, shall promulgate regulations to—

(1) require that the owner of a vessel to which section 3507 applies install, and maintain in working order, automated external defibrillators on such vessel;

(2) require that such defibrillators be placed throughout such vessel in clearly designated locations;

(3) require that such defibrillators are available for passenger and crew access in the event of an emergency; and

(4) require that automated external defibrillators, or adjacent equipment, allow passengers and crew to easily contact medical staff of the vessel.

(b) **DEFINITION OF OWNER.**—In this section, the term “owner” has the meaning given such term in section 3507.

(Added Pub. L. 117-14, §3(a), May 24, 2021, 135 Stat. 275.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of this section, referred to in subsec. (a), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 117-14, which was approved May 24, 2021.

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