

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 7659
OFFERED BY MR. BEAN OF FLORIDA**

Page 93, after line 5, insert the following:

1 SEC. 354. NEAR SHORE CABLE LAYING BARGE.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Until the date that is 2 years
3 after the date of enactment of this Act, and notwith-
4 standing subsection (b), the Secretary of the department
5 in which the Coast Guard is operating may not enforce
6 citizenship requirements under section 8103 of title 46,
7 United States Code, or the credentialing requirements
8 under section 8701 of title 46, United States Code, with
9 respect to a covered individual.

10 (b) TRAINING.—Until the date that is 2 years after
11 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall
12 ensure that operators of near shore cable lay vertical
13 trenching injector equipment on barges on which covered
14 individuals serve—

15 (1) develop processes and requirements for con-
16 ducting certification and training such individuals;
17 and

18 (2) certify and train a sufficient cadre of quali-
19 fied individuals.

1 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “covered
3 individual” means an individual, including near
4 shore cable lay vertical trenching injector operators
5 or near shore cable laying vertical trenching injector
6 support personnel, who is—

7 (A) engaged on board a barge for the pur-
8 pose of operating specialized equipment, includ-
9 ing a vertical trenching injector, necessary to
10 lay near shore power cable in support of non-
11 mineral energy exploration, development, and
12 production; and

13 (B) not—

14 (i) included in the complement of li-
15 censed individuals to be stated in the cer-
16 tificate of inspection issued under chapter
17 33 of title 46, United States Code, to be
18 necessary by the Certificate of Inspection
19 or to ensure the safe navigation of such
20 vessel; or

21 (ii) a member of the steward’s depart-
22 ment on such a barge.

23 (2) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “quali-
24 fied individual” means an individual qualified to—

1 (A) serve on a vessel documented under
2 chapter 121 of the title 46, United States Code,
3 under section 8103 of such title;

4 (B) receive a merchant mariner credential
5 under section 8701 of title 46, United States
6 Code; and

7 (C) available to operate and support the
8 operation of specialized near shore cable lay
9 vertical trenching injectors on United States-
10 documented barges in support of United States
11 offshore non-mineral energy exploration, devel-
12 opment, and production.

