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# H. R. 3815

To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to convey a vessel in the National Defense Reserve Fleet to a nonprofit organization.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 1994

Mr. GILCHREST (for himself and Mrs. BENTLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF VESSEL FOR PUBLIC HEALTH**  
4 **ACTIVITIES.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY TO CONVEY.**—The Secretary of  
6 Transportation may convey without consideration all  
7 right, title, and interest of the United States in a vessel  
8 described in subsection (b) to any nonprofit organization  
9 which operates and maintains a former hospital ship to  
10 be converted to engage in public health activities.

1 (b) VESSEL DESCRIBED.—A vessel referred to in  
2 subsection (a) is one which—

3 (1) is in the National Defense Reserve Fleet on  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act;

5 (2) is not less than 4,000 displacement tons;

6 (3) has no usefulness to the Government; and

7 (4) is scheduled to be scrapped.

8 (c) CONDITIONS OF CONVEYANCE.—As a condition of  
9 conveying any vessel to an organization under subsection  
10 (a), the Secretary shall require that before the date of the  
11 conveyance the organization enter into an agreement  
12 under which the organization shall—

13 (1) sell the vessel for scrap purposes; and

14 (2) use the proceeds of that scrapping for the  
15 purpose of refurbishing and maintaining a former  
16 hospital ship to engage in public health activities.

17 (d) DELIVERY OF VESSEL.—The Secretary shall de-  
18 liver any vessel conveyed under this section—

19 (1) at the place where the vessel is located on  
20 the date of the approval of the conveyance by the  
21 Secretary;

22 (2) in its condition on that date; and

23 (3) without cost to the Government.

24 (e) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY TO CONVEY.—The  
25 authority of the Secretary under this section to convey a

1 vessel shall expire on the date that is 2 years after the  
2 date of the enactment of this Act.

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