

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 253

To amend the Act commonly referred to as the “Johnson Act” to limit the authority of States to regulate gambling devices on vessels.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 1995

Ms. HARMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY OF STATES TO**
4 **REGULATE GAMBLING DEVICES ON VESSELS.**

5 Section 5(b)(2) of the Act of January 2, 1951 (15
6 U.S.C. 1175(b)(2)), commonly referred to as the “John-
7 son Act”, is amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(C) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN VOYAGES
9 AND SEGMENTS.—Except for a voyage or seg-
10 ment of a voyage that occurs within the bound-

1 aries of the State of Hawaii, a voyage or seg-
2 ment of a voyage is not described in subpara-
3 graph (B) if it includes or consists of a seg-
4 ment—

5 “(i) that begins and ends in the same
6 State;

7 “(ii) that is part of a voyage to an-
8 other State or to a foreign country; and

9 “(iii) in which the vessel reaches the
10 other State or foreign country within 3
11 days after leaving the State in which it
12 begins.”.

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