

Public Law 99-426  
99th Congress

An Act

To amend the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1985, to provide that members of the Commission on Merchant Marine and Defense shall not be considered to be Federal employees for certain purposes, to extend the deadline for reports of the Commission, and to extend the availability of funds appropriated to the Commission.

Sept. 30, 1986  
[H.R. 4530]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. STATUS OF MEMBERS OF COMMISSION ON MERCHANT MARINE AND DEFENSE; EXTENSIONS OF REPORT DEADLINES AND AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) **STATUS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS.**—Subsection (d) of section 1536 of the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1985 (Public Law 98-525; 98 Stat. 2633), is amended—

46 USC app. 1120  
note.

(1) by inserting “(1)” after “(d)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) A member of the Commission appointed under subsection (c)(1)(C) (who is not otherwise employed by the Federal Government) shall not be considered to be a Federal employee, except for the purposes of—

“(A) chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, relating to compensation for work-related injuries; and

5 USC 8101 *et seq.*  
28 USC 2671 *et seq.*

“(B) chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code, relating to tort claims.”.

(b) **EXTENSIONS.**—Such section is further amended as follows:

(1) The last sentence of subsection (b) and the first sentence of subsection (g) are each amended by striking out “the date of the enactment of the law first providing funds for the Commission” and inserting in lieu thereof “the date on which sufficient members of the Commission to constitute a quorum have been appointed”.

(2) The second sentence of subsection (g) is amended by striking out “of enactment” each place it appears.

(3) The last sentence of subsection (i) is amended by striking out “September 30, 1988” and inserting in lieu thereof “36 months after the date on which sufficient members of the Commission to constitute a quorum have been appointed”.

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