

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3409**  
**OFFERED BY MR. GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title III, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 315 AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE DURATION OF**  
2 **LICENSES, CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRY, AND**  
3 **MERCHANT MARINERS' DOCUMENTS.**

4 (a) MERCHANT MARINER LICENSES AND DOCU-  
5 MENTS.—Chapter 75 of title 46, United States Code, is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 **“§ 7507 Authority to extend the duration of licenses,**  
8 **certificates of registry, and merchant**  
9 **mariner documents**

10 “(a) LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRY.—  
11 Notwithstanding sections 7106 and 7107, the Secretary  
12 of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating  
13 may extend for up to one year an expiring license or cer-  
14 tificate of registry issued for an individual under chapter  
15 71 if the Secretary determines such extension is re-  
16 quired—

17 “(1) to enable the Coast Guard to eliminate a  
18 backlog in processing applications for those licenses  
19 or certificates of registry;

1           “(2) because necessary records have been de-  
2           stroyed or are unavailable due to a natural disaster;  
3           or

4           “(3) to align the expiration date of a license or  
5           certificate of registry with the expiration date of a  
6           transportation worker identification credential (also  
7           known as transportation security cards) under sec-  
8           tion 70501.

9           “(b) MERCHANT MARINER DOCUMENTS.—Notwith-  
10          standing section 7302(g), the Secretary may extend for  
11          one year an expiring merchant mariner’s document issued  
12          for an individual under chapter 71 if the Secretary deter-  
13          mines that extension is required—

14                 “(1) to enable the Coast Guard to eliminate a  
15                 backlog in processing applications for those licenses  
16                 or certificates of registry;

17                 “(2) because necessary records have been de-  
18                 stroyed or are unavailable due to a natural disaster;  
19                 or

20                 “(3) to align the expiration date of a license or  
21                 certificate of registry with the expiration date of a  
22                 transportation worker identification credential (also  
23                 known as transportation security cards) under sec-  
24                 tion 70501.

1           “(c) RENEWAL.—With respect to any renewal of an  
2 existing merchant mariner credential that is not an exten-  
3 sion under subsections (a) or (b), such credential shall  
4 begin the day after the expiration of the credential holder’s  
5 existing credential.

6           “(d) MANNER OF EXTENSION.—Any extensions  
7 granted under this section may be granted to individual  
8 mariners or a specifically identified group of mariners.”.

9           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such  
10 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following:

“7507. Authority to extend the duration of licenses, certificates of registry, and  
merchant mariner documents.”.

