

## **Modifications to the Port Security Grant Program**

Sec. XXX. Modifications to the Port Security Grant Program.

(a) Port Security.—Section 70107 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by redesignating subsections (c) through (m) as subsections (e) through (o).

(B) by inserting after subsection (b) the following new subsections:

“(c) Cybersecurity and Equipment Modernization Funding.

“(1) In General.—The Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to provide grants under section 70107 of this title to port authorities to improve the cybersecurity of their port systems, with priority given to strategic sealift ports critical to national security and defense logistics.

“(2) Use of Funds.—Ports receiving funding under this subsection shall use the funds for:

“(A) Enhancing cybersecurity measures and infrastructure to protect port operational technology and information systems;

“(B) Purchasing new ship-to-shore cranes, with a focus on improving port throughput capacity and reducing vulnerabilities associated with outdated equipment.

“(d) Captain of the Port Cybersecurity Initiatives.

“(1) In General.—The Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to provide grants under section 70107 of this title to Captains of the Port (COTPs) to support the development and implementation of cybersecurity initiatives “designed to safeguard critical maritime and port infrastructure, including cybersecurity training, incident response planning, and security upgrades.

(2) Priority Uses.—COTPs receiving funding under this subsection shall prioritize the use of such funds for the following:

“(A) Conducting cybersecurity risk assessments for port facilities;

“(B) Establishing cybersecurity awareness training programs for port staff and personnel;

“(C) Enhancing maritime cyber incident response capabilities and coordination with federal partners.

(b) Technical amendment.—Section 70107 of title 46, United States Code, is further amended—

(1) in subsection (h), as redesignated, by striking “subsection (e)” and inserting “subsection (g)”;