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2 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

3 **SEC. __. SHORE-TO-SHIP AUTOMATIC MARITIME**
4 **COMMUNICATION NETWORK.**

5 (a) In General.—The Commandant of the Coast Guard shall procure a services contract with a
6 private entity to advance the implementation, operation, and maintenance of a nationwide shore-
7 to-ship automatic maritime communication network along State and territorial coastlines for
8 public and private use—

9 (1) to support navigation; and

10 (2) to communicate critical safety, security, environmental, marine mammal, and
11 waterways management information directly to all vessels that are required to carry, or that
12 elect to carry, an Automatic Identification System.

13 (b) Requests for Messaging.—The Commandant shall establish procedures by which other
14 Federal agencies, State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, and other public and private
15 stakeholders may request messaging through the network.

16 (c) Use of Existing Infrastructure.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Commandant shall, to
17 the maximum extent practicable—

18 (1) leverage shore-to-ship Automatic Identification System stations that, as of the date of
19 the enactment of this Act, are operated by private or non-Federal entities under permits
20 issued by the Coast Guard and the Federal Communications Commission;

21 (2) ensure that a services contract entered into under that subsection provides for the
22 continued operation of such existing stations if such continued operation is consistent with
23 the technical, operational, and coverage requirements of the network; and

24 (3) avoid duplication of shore-to-ship Automatic Identification System coverage already
25 provided by such existing stations.
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