

**Act amending the act on safety at sea, the act on safety investigations of marine accidents, the act amending the merchant shipping act and various other acts and the act on seafarers' conditions of employment**

(Stricter penalty level when causing marine accidents or navigation contrary to good seamanship, etc. and investigation of diving accidents)

We MARGRETHE THE SECOND, by the grace of God Queen of Denmark hereby witness: Folketinget (the Danish Parliament) has adopted  
and We with Our consent hereby enact the following act:

**Section 1**

In the act on safety at sea, cf. consolidated act no. 72 of 17 January 2014, as amended by section 5 of act no. 1384 of 23 December 2012 and section 3 of act no. 618 of 12 June 2013, the following amendments shall be made:

1. In *section 29(2), the first clause*, “or mate” shall be inserted after “master”.
2. In *section 32(1)(i)*, the following shall be inserted after “the contravention”: “, including when causing a marine accident or when navigating contrary to good seamanship.”.

**Section 2**

In act no. 457 of 18 May 2011 on safety investigations of marine accidents, the following amendment shall be made:

1. In *section 3(1)*, the following shall be inserted as the *second clause*:  
“Furthermore, the Danish Maritime Accident Investigation Board may decide to investigate accidents related to diving operations covered by the act on diving operations and diving equipment, etc.”

**Section 3**

In act no. 618 of 12 June 2013 amending the merchant shipping act and various other acts (Enhanced navigational safety requirements in arctic waters, improving seafarers' legal status in case of piracy, adjustment of the ship registration provisions, implementation of the Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea, implementation of the amendment Protocol to the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea and abolition of the Divers' Council), the following amendments shall be made:

1. In *section 1(viii)*, “Copenhagen” shall be deleted in four places.

2. In *section 1(viii)*, the following shall be inserted as *subsection 6* in section 223 of the merchant shipping act (*søloven*):

“(6) The Minister for Business and Growth shall lay down more detailed regulations on the reporting and contribution obligation, cf. subsections 1 and 4.”

#### **Section 4**

In the act on seafarers’ conditions of employment, etc. (*lov om søfarendes ansættelsesforhold m.v.*), cf. consolidated act no. 73 of 17 January 2014, as amended by section 3 of act no. 251 of 30 March 2011, the following amendment shall be made:

1. In *section 49(i)*, “Section 1(2);” shall be amended to “Section 1(3);”

#### **Section 5**

*Subsection 1.* This act shall enter into force on 1 July 2014, cf. however subsection 2.

*Subsection 2.* The Minister for Business and Growth shall determine the date of the entry into force of section 3. In this connection, the Minister may determine that different parts of the provisions concerned shall enter into force on different dates.

#### **Section 6**

*Subsection 1.* This act shall not apply to the Faroe Islands and to Greenland, cf. however subsections 2 and 3.

*Subsection 2.* Sections 1-3 may be put into force for Greenland in full or partly by royal decree with the amendments deriving from the special Greenland conditions.

*Subsection 3.* Section 3 may be put into force for the Faroe Islands in full or partly by royal decree with the amendments deriving from the special Faroese conditions.

*Christiansborg Castle, 25 June 2014*

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