

National Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee

Section 601 of the Frank LoBiondo
Coast Guard Authorization Act
of
December 4, 2018

MEDMAC

September 2019



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What was created?

National Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

- Same function as MERPAC
- Same sponsor as MERPAC
- Same membership as MERPAC
- Some operational changes

National Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee

- Same function as MEDMAC
- Same sponsor as MEDMAC
- Slight change in membership as MEDMAC
- Some operational changes



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What goes away?

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

&

Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee

However

These Committees

will continue

through

2020



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Transition

Operations:

New statute allows MERPAC and MEDMAC to operate under their old statutes for up to 2 years.

- MEDMAC expires December 4, 2020 as per the new statute
- MERPAC expires September 30, 2020 as per its original statute

Membership:

- Membership on a Committee does not transfer to its new counterpart.
- Current applicants for a current Committee must reapply.



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Changes

The new Committee will be similar to current operations, but

Operations:

- Only 1 meeting required annually vs 2 meetings.
- Chair and Vice-Chair elected by Committee.
- Calling of meetings
- Reports to the Committee

Membership:

- All terms are 3 full calendar years and end on December 31.
- If a member's term ends without a successor, term can be extended.
- Member can be extended for a second term without solicitation.
- Only members representing the General Public are SGEs.



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Executive Order 13175

of June 14, 2019

Evaluating and Improving the Utility of Federal Advisory Committees

Requires that each executive department and agency evaluate the need for each of its current advisory committees.

Each agency shall, by September 30, 2019, terminate at least one third of its current committees if the:

- (i) stated objectives of the committee have been accomplished;
- (ii) subject matter or work of the committee has become obsolete;
- (iii) primary functions have been assumed by another entity; or
- (iv) agency determines that the cost of operation is excessive in relation to the benefits to the Federal Government.

Coast Guard has submitted justification for the continuation of MERPAC, N-MERPAC, MEDMAC and N-MEDMAC



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Questions?



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