

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LEE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Coast Guard  
5 Readiness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCEPTION TO PROHIBITION ON CONSTRUCTION**  
2 **OF COAST GUARD VESSELS IN FOREIGN SHIP-**  
3 **YARDS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 1151 of  
5 title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-  
6 lows:

7 “(b)(1) The President may authorize exceptions to  
8 the prohibition in subsection (a) when the President deter-  
9 mines that it is in the national security interest of the  
10 United States to do so, provided that—

11 “(A) the foreign shipyard concerned is located  
12 in a North Atlantic Treaty Organization member  
13 country or a country in the Indo-Pacific region that  
14 is party to a mutual defense treaty with the United  
15 States; and

16 “(B) the cost of the construction concerned is  
17 less than the cost would be if such construction oc-  
18 curred in a domestic shipyard.

19 “(2) The President shall transmit notice to Congress  
20 of any such determination, and no contract may be made  
21 pursuant to the exception authorized until the end of the  
22 30-day period beginning on the date the notice of such  
23 determination is received by Congress.

24 “(3) Before the construction of a Coast Guard vessel,  
25 or a major component of the hull or superstructure of a  
26 Coast Guard vessel, may commence at a foreign shipyard

1 pursuant to this subsection, the Commandant shall submit  
2 to Congress a certification that the foreign shipyard is not  
3 owned or operated by a Chinese company or a multi-  
4 national company domiciled in the People’s Republic of  
5 China.”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 8679(a) of  
7 title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting “and  
8 section 1151(b) of title 14” after “in subsection (b)”.