

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. _____

To authorize an exception to the prohibition on the construction of naval vessels in foreign shipyards, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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 Naval Readiness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXCEPTION TO PROHIBITION ON CONSTRUCTION**
7 **OF NAVAL VESSELS IN FOREIGN SHIPYARDS.**

8 Section 8679 of title 10, United States Code, is
9 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “subsection
2 (b)” and inserting “subsections (b) and (c)”;

3 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
4 section (d); and

5 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
6 lowing new subsection (c):

7 “(c) EXCEPTION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NAVAL
8 VESSELS IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES.—(1) Subsection (a)
9 shall not apply with respect to the construction of a naval
10 vessel otherwise covered by that subsection if—

11 “(A) the foreign shipyard concerned is located
12 in—

13 “(i) a North Atlantic Treaty Organization
14 member country; or

15 “(ii) a country in the Indo-Pacific region
16 that is party to a mutual defense treaty with
17 United States; and

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

21 “(2) Before the construction of a naval vessel, or a
22 major component of the hull or superstructure of a naval
23 vessel, may commence at a foreign shipyard under this
24 subsection, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to Con-
25 gress a certification that the foreign shipyard is not owned

1 or operated by a Chinese company or a multinational com-
2 pany domiciled in the People's Republic of China.”.