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S. 3199

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain shipping
from the harbor maintenance tax.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 25, 2008

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. MURRAY,
Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. VITTER) introduced the fol-
lowing bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Fi-
nance

A BILL

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certain shipping from the harbor maintenance tax.

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. EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN COMMERCIAL AND**
4 **BULK CARGO FROM THE HARBOR MAINTENANCE TAX.**
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6 Section 4462 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
7 is amended by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection
8 (j) and by inserting after subsection (h) the following new
9 subsection:

1 “(i) EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN SHORT SEA SHIP-
2 PING CARGO.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—No tax shall be imposed
4 under section 4461(a) with respect to commercial
5 cargo (other than bulk cargo) that is loaded at—

6 “(A) a port in the United States mainland
7 and unloaded at another port in the United
8 States mainland after transport solely by coast-
9 al route or river or unloaded at a port in Can-
10 ada located in the Great Lakes Saint Lawrence
11 Seaway System, or

12 “(B) a port in Canada located in the Great
13 Lakes Saint Lawrence Seaway System and un-
14 loaded at a port in the United States mainland.

15 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

16 “(A) BULK CARGO.—The term ‘bulk cargo’
17 has the meaning given that term by section
18 53101(1) of title 46, United States Code.

19 “(B) GREAT LAKES SAINT LAWRENCE SEA-
20 WAY SYSTEM.—The term ‘Great Lakes Saint
21 Lawrence Seaway System’ means the waterway
22 between Duluth, Minnesota, and Sept Iles, Que-
23 bec, encompassing the 5 Great Lakes, their
24 connecting channels, and the Saint Lawrence
25 River.

1 “(C) UNITED STATES MAINLAND.—The
2 term ‘United States mainland’ has the meaning
3 given such term in subsection (b)(3).”.

4 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 The amendments made by section 1 shall apply to
6 port use after the date of enactment of this Act.

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