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# H. R. 563

To authorize issuance of certificates of documentation authorizing certain vessels to engage in coastwise trade in the carriage of natural gas, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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 “Domestic Energy Inde-  
5       pendence and Maritime Jobs Creation Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. VESSEL DOCUMENTATION EXEMPTION.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections 12112  
8       and 12132 and chapter 551 of title 46, United States  
9       Code, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast

1 Guard is operating may issue a certificate of documenta-  
 2 tion with a coastwise endorsement for each of the following  
 3 vessels:

4 (1) LNG GEMINI (United States official num-  
 5 ber 595752).

6 (2) LNG LEO (United States official number  
 7 595753).

8 (3) LNG VIRGO (United States official num-  
 9 ber 595755).

10 (b) LIMITATION ON OPERATION.—Coastwise trade  
 11 authorized under subsection (a) shall be limited to car-  
 12 riage of natural gas, as that term is defined in section  
 13 3(13) of the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C.  
 14 1502(13)).

15 (c) TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF ENDORSE-  
 16 MENTS.—The coastwise endorsement issued under sub-  
 17 section (a) for a vessel shall expire on the date of the sale  
 18 of the vessel by the owner of the vessel on the date of  
 19 enactment of this Act to a person who is not related by  
 20 ownership or control to such owner.

21 **SEC. 3. OPERATION OF DRY DOCK IN KETCHIKAN, ALASKA.**

22 A vessel transported in Dry Dock #2 (State of Alas-  
 23 ka registration AIDEA FDD-2) is not merchandise for  
 24 purposes of section 55102 of title 46, United States Code,  
 25 if, during such transportation, Dry Dock #2 remains con-

- 1 nected by a utility or other connecting line to pierside
- 2 moorage located in Ketchikan, Alaska.

