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# S. 1981

To amend the Natural Gas Act to expedite approval of exports of small volumes of natural gas, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 18, 2017

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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 “Small Scale LNG Ac-  
5 cess Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF EXPORT OF CERTAIN**  
7 **VOLUMES OF NATURAL GAS.**

8 Section 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C.  
9 717b(c)) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “(e) For purposes of” and in-  
2           serting the following:

3           “(e) EXPEDITED APPLICATION AND APPROVAL  
4           PROCESS.—

5           “(1) FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS IN EFFECT.—  
6           For purposes of”; and

7           (2) by adding at the end the following:

8           “(2) SMALL-SCALE NATURAL GAS EXPORTS.—  
9           For purposes of subsection (a), any application for  
10          the exportation of natural gas in a volume that is  
11          equal to or less than 51,100,000,000 cubic feet per  
12          year of natural gas shall be—

13                 “(A) deemed to be consistent with the pub-  
14                 lic interest; and

15                 “(B) granted without modification or  
16                 delay.

17           “(3) EXCLUSIONS.—Paragraphs (1) and (2)  
18          shall not apply to any nation subject to sanctions  
19          imposed by the United States.”.

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