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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

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Small Scale LNG Access Act of 2017”.

SEC. 2. EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF EXPORT OF CERTAIN VOLUMES OF NATURAL GAS.

Section 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b(c)) is amended—
(1) by striking “(c) For purposes of” and inserting the following:

“(c) EXPEDITED APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS.—

“(1) FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS IN EFFECT.—

For purposes of”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) SMALL-SCALE NATURAL GAS EXPORTS.—

For purposes of subsection (a), any application for the exportation of natural gas in a volume that is equal to or less than 51,100,000,000 cubic feet per year of natural gas shall be—

“(A) deemed to be consistent with the public interest; and

“(B) granted without modification or delay.

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