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H. R. 7171

To exempt certain vessels transporting liquefied natural gas from certain coastwise endorsement requirements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2022

Mr. PERRY (for himself, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. ROY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “American LNG First
5 Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FROM COASTWISE LAWS FOR VESSELS**
2 **TRANSPORTING LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS.**

3 (a) **GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**—Sec-
4 tion 12103 of title 46, United States Code, is amended
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 “(d) **EXCEPTION FOR VESSELS TRANSPORTING LIQ-**
7 **UEFIED NATURAL GAS.**—

8 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding subsection
9 (a), a certificate of documentation may be issued
10 under this chapter for any vessel transporting meth-
11 ane, refrigerated liquid, commonly known as lique-
12 fied natural gas.

13 “(2) **CERTAIN VESSELS EXCLUDED.**—Para-
14 graph (1) shall not apply to—

15 “(A) a vessel that is owned, in whole or in
16 part, by—

17 “(i) a Russian national; or

18 “(ii) the Government of the Russian
19 Federation;

20 “(B) a Russian-flagged vessel; or

21 “(C) a vessel for which any crewmember is
22 a Russian national.”.

23 (b) **COASTWISE ENDORSEMENT.**—Section
24 12112(a)(2)(B) of title 46, United States Code, is amend-
25 ed—

26 (1) in clause (ii) by striking “or” at the end;

1 (2) in clause (iii) by striking “and” at the end
2 and inserting “or”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(iv) transports methane, refrigerated liq-
5 uid, commonly known as liquefied natural gas;
6 and”.

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