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To authorize an exception to the restriction on construction of Coast Guard vessels in foreign shipyards for certain construction in shipyards in North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LEE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Ensuring Coast Guard
5 Readiness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCEPTION TO RESTRICTION ON CONSTRUCTION**
 2 **OF COAST GUARD VESSELS IN FOREIGN SHIP-**
 3 **YARDS FOR CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION IN**
 4 **SHIPYARDS IN NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY OR-**
 5 **GANIZATION MEMBER COUNTRIES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1151 of title 14, United
 7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “subsection
 9 (b)” and inserting “subsections (b) and (c)”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 11 section:

12 “(c)(1) Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect
 13 to construction otherwise covered by that subsection if—

14 “(A) the foreign shipyard concerned is located
 15 in—

16 “(i) a North Atlantic Treaty Organization
 17 member country; or

18 “(ii) a country in the Indo-Pacific region
 19 that is party to a mutual defense treaty with
 20 United States; and

21 “(B) the cost of the construction concerned is
 22 less than the cost would be if such construction oc-
 23 curred in a domestic shipyard.

24 “(2) Before the construction of a Coast Guard vessel,
 25 or a major component of the hull or superstructure of a
 26 Coast Guard vessel, may commence at a foreign shipyard

1 under this subsection, the Commandant shall submit to
2 Congress a certification that the foreign shipyard is not
3 owned or operated by a Chinese company or a multi-
4 national company domiciled in the People’s Republic of
5 China.”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 8679(a) of
7 title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting “and
8 section 1151(c) of title 14” after “in subsection (b)”.

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