

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 252

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 10, 2025

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation

AN ACT

To amend title 46, United States Code, to prohibit certain
contracts for port operations and management, and for
other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Secure Our Ports Act
3 of 2025”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR PORT**
5 **OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 700 of
7 title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
8 end the following:

9 **“§ 70015. Prohibition on certain contracts for port op-**
10 **eration and management**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An owner or operator of a facil-
12 ity for which a facility security plan is required under sec-
13 tion 70103(c) of this title may not enter into a contract
14 for the ownership, leasing, or operation of such facility
15 with an entity that is—

16 “(1) a Chinese, Russian, North Korean, or Ira-
17 nian state-owned enterprise; or

18 “(2) a foreign entity for which any percentage
19 is owned by a country listed in paragraph (1).

20 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘facil-
21 ity’, and ‘owner or operator’ have the meanings given such
22 terms in section 70101 of this title.”.

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
24 ter 700 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by

1 inserting after the item relating to section 70014 the fol-
2 lowing:

“70015. Prohibition on certain contracts for port operation and management.”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 9, 2025.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.