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H. R. 3167

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2025

Mr. TORRES of New York (for himself, Mr. CASE, and Mr. MOYLAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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 “Noncontiguous Energy
5 Relief and Access Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENERGY PRODUCTS EXEMPTION.**

2 Section 55102 of title 46, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a) to read as follows:

5 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

6 “(1) COVERED NONCONTIGUOUS TRADE.—The
7 term ‘covered noncontiguous trade’ means—

8 “(A) trade between—

9 “(i) one of the contiguous 48 States;

10 and

11 “(ii) Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, or the
12 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

13 “(B) trade between—

14 “(i) a place in Alaska, Hawaii, Guam,
15 or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

16 “(ii) another place in Alaska, Hawaii,
17 Guam, or the Commonwealth of Puerto
18 Rico.

19 “(2) ENERGY PRODUCTS.—The term ‘energy
20 products’ means any equipment, component of
21 equipment, or energy source for the generation, stor-
22 age, transmission, and distribution of electricity.

23 “(3) ENERGY SOURCE.—The term ‘energy
24 source’ means—

1 “(A) liquefied natural gas or any other en-
2 ergy source needed for the generation of elec-
3 tricity; and

4 “(B) a petroleum product.

5 “(4) EQUIPMENT.—The term ‘equipment’
6 means power generators, storage units, wind tur-
7 bines, solar panels, hydroelectric plants, and any
8 other components needed for the generation, trans-
9 mission, or distribution of electricity.

10 “(5) MERCHANDISE.—The term ‘merchandise’
11 includes—

12 “(A) merchandise owned by the United
13 States Government, a State, or a subdivision of
14 a State; and

15 “(B) valueless material.

16 “(6) PETROLEUM PRODUCT.—The term ‘petro-
17 leum product’ has the meaning given such term in
18 section 3 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
19 (42 U.S.C. 6202).”;

20 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
21 section (d); and

22 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
23 lowing:

- 1 “(c) ENERGY PRODUCTS EXEMPTION.—Subsection
2 (b) shall not apply with respect to transportation of energy
3 products in covered noncontiguous trade on a vessel.”.

