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To provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself and Mr. BERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Naval Vessel Transfer
5 Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF NAVAL VESSELS TO CERTAIN FOR-**
7 **EIGN RECIPIENTS.**

8 (a) TRANSFERS BY GRANT.—The President is au-
9 thorized to transfer vessels to foreign countries on a grant
10 basis under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of
11 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j), as follows:

1 (1) MEXICO.—To the Government of Mexico,
2 the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class guided missile
3 frigates USS CURTS (FFG–38) and USS
4 MCCLUSKY (FFG–41).

5 (2) THAILAND.—To the Government of Thai-
6 land, the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class guided
7 missile frigates USS RENTZ (FFG–46) and USS
8 VANDEGRIFT (FFG–48).

9 (b) TRANSFER BY SALE.—The President is author-
10 ized to transfer the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class
11 guided missile frigates USS TAYLOR (FFG–50), USS
12 GARY (FFG–51), USS CARR (FFG–52), and USS
13 ELROD (FFG–55) to the Taipei Economic and Cultural
14 Representative Office of the United States (which is the
15 Taiwan instrumentality designated pursuant to section
16 10(a) of the Taiwan Relations Act (22 U.S.C. 3309(a)))
17 on a sale basis under section 21 of the Arms Export Con-
18 trol Act (22 U.S.C. 2761).

19 (c) ALTERNATIVE TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—Not-
20 withstanding the authority provided in subsections (a) and
21 (b) to transfer specific vessels to specific countries, the
22 President is authorized, subject to the same conditions
23 that would apply for such country under this Act, to trans-
24 fer any vessel named in this Act to any country named
25 in this Act such that the total number of vessels trans-

1 ferred to such country does not exceed the total number
2 of vessels authorized for transfer to such country by this
3 Act.

4 (d) GRANTS NOT COUNTED IN ANNUAL TOTAL OF
5 TRANSFERRED EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES.—The value
6 of a vessel transferred to another country on a grant basis
7 pursuant to authority provided by subsection (a) or (c)
8 shall not be counted against the aggregate value of excess
9 defense articles transferred in any fiscal year under sec-
10 tion 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
11 2321j).

12 (e) COSTS OF TRANSFERS.—Any expense incurred by
13 the United States in connection with a transfer authorized
14 by this section shall be charged to the recipient notwith-
15 standing section 516(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
16 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j(e)).

17 (f) REPAIR AND REFURBISHMENT IN UNITED
18 STATES SHIPYARDS.—To the maximum extent prac-
19 ticable, the President shall require, as a condition of the
20 transfer of a vessel under this section, that the recipient
21 to which the vessel is transferred have such repair or re-
22 furbishment of the vessel as is needed, before the vessel
23 joins the naval forces of that recipient, performed at a
24 shipyard located in the United States, including a United
25 States Navy shipyard.

1 (g) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority to
2 transfer a vessel under this section shall expire at the end
3 of the 3-year period beginning on the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act.

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