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# S. 2055

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 8, 2019

Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. REED) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) In 2018, the Tall Ship SSV Oliver Hazard  
6 Perry was named the Official Flagship and Tall  
7 Ship Ambassador of Rhode Island.

8 (2) At 200 feet long, the 3-masted Tall Ship  
9 SSV Oliver Hazard Perry is the largest civilian Sail-

1 ing School Vessel in the United States and serves as  
2 Rhode Island's Official Education Sailing Vessel.

3 (3) The mission of the Tall Ship SSV Oliver  
4 Hazard Perry is to provide innovative and empow-  
5 ering education-at-sea programs that promote per-  
6 sonal and professional growth.

7 (4) The Tall Ship SSV Oliver Hazard Perry is  
8 named after Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, from  
9 Rhode Island, who led United States forces to vic-  
10 tory in the decisive Battle of Lake Erie in the War  
11 of 1812.

12 **SEC. 2. JONES ACT WAIVER FOR THE OLIVER HAZARD**  
13 **PERRY.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section  
15 12112(a)(2) of title 46, United States Code, the Secretary  
16 of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating  
17 may issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise  
18 endorsement for the vessel OLIVER HAZARD PERRY  
19 (IMO number 8775560; United States official number  
20 1257224).

21 (b) TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF ENDORSE-  
22 MENT.—The coastwise endorsement authorized under sub-  
23 section (a) for the vessel OLIVER HAZARD PERRY  
24 (IMO number 8775560; United States official number

1 1257224) shall expire on the first date on which any of  
2 the following apply:

3 (1) The vessel is sold to a person, including an  
4 entity, that is not related by ownership or control to  
5 the person, including an entity, that owned the ves-  
6 sel on the date of enactment of this Act.

7 (2) The vessel is rebuilt and not rebuilt in the  
8 United States (as defined in section 12101(a) of  
9 title 46, United States Code).

10 (3) The vessel is no longer operating in primary  
11 service as a sailing school vessel or an educational  
12 sailing vessel.

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