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H. R. 4952

To authorize an exception to the prohibition on the construction of Coast Guard vessels in foreign shipyards, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KENNEDY of Utah introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 PROHIBITION ON CONSTRUCTION**
2 **OF COAST GUARD VESSELS IN FOREIGN SHIP-**
3 **YARDS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 1151 of
5 title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-
6 lows:

7 “(b)(1) The President may authorize exceptions to
8 the prohibition in subsection (a) when the President deter-
9 mines that it is in the national security interest of the
10 United States to do so, provided that—

11 “(A) the foreign shipyard concerned is located
12 in a North Atlantic Treaty Organization member
13 country or a country in the Indo-Pacific region that
14 is party to a mutual defense treaty with the United
15 States; and

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

19 “(2) The President shall transmit notice to Congress
20 of any such determination, and no contract may be made
21 pursuant to the exception authorized until the end of the
22 30-day period beginning on the date the notice of such
23 determination is received by Congress.

24 “(3) 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 pursuant to this subsection, the Commandant shall submit
2 to 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(b) of title 14” after “in subsection (b)”.

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