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H. R. 2770

To amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide for a deferral of the duty on large yachts imported for sale at boat shows in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHAW introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. DEFERRAL OF DUTY ON LARGE YACHTS IM-**
4 **PORTED FOR SALE AT UNITED STATES BOAT**
5 **SHOWS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Tariff Act of 1930 (19
7 U.S.C. 1304 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section
8 484a the following:

1 **“SEC. 484b. DEFERRAL OF DUTY ON LARGE YACHTS IM-**
2 **PORTED FOR SALE AT UNITED STATES BOAT**
3 **SHOWS.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
5 vision of law, any vessel meeting the definition of a large
6 yacht as provided in subsection (b) and which is otherwise
7 dutiable, may be imported without the payment of duty
8 if imported with the intention of offer for sale at a boat
9 show in the United States. Payment of duty shall be de-
10 ferred, in accordance with this section, until such large
11 yacht is sold.

12 “(b) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term
13 ‘large yacht’ means a vessel that exceeds 79 feet in length
14 and is used primarily for recreation or pleasure.

15 “(c) DEFERRAL OF DUTY.—At the time of importa-
16 tion of any large yacht, if such large yacht is imported
17 for sale at a boat show in the United States and is other-
18 wise dutiable, duties shall not be assessed and collected
19 if the importer of record—

20 “(1) certifies to the Customs Service that the
21 large yacht is imported pursuant to this section for
22 sale at a boat show in the United States; and

23 “(2) posts a bond, which shall have a duration
24 of 6 months after the date of importation, in an
25 amount equal to twice the amount of duty on the
26 large yacht that would otherwise be imposed under

1 subheading 8903.91.00 or 8903.92.00 of the Har-
2 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

3 “(d) PROCEDURES UPON SALE.—

4 “(1) DEPOSIT OF DUTY.—If any large yacht
5 (which has been imported for sale at a boat show in
6 the United States with the deferral of duties as pro-
7 vided in this section) is sold within the 6-month pe-
8 riod after importation, entry shall be completed and
9 duty shall be deposited with the Customs Service.
10 Duty shall be calculated at the rates provided for
11 under subheading 8903.91.00 or 8903.92.00 of the
12 Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States
13 and shall be based upon the value of the large yacht
14 at the time of importation.

15 “(2) RETURN OF BOND.—The bond posted as
16 required by subsection (c)(2) shall be returned to the
17 importer.

18 “(e) PROCEDURES UPON EXPIRATION OF BOND PE-
19 RIOD.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the large yacht entered
21 with deferral of duties is neither sold nor exported
22 within the 6-month period—

23 “(A) entry shall be completed and duty
24 (calculated at the rates provided for under sub-
25 heading 8903.91.00 or 8903.92.00 of the Har-

1 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States
2 and based upon the value of the large yacht at
3 the time of importation) shall be deposited with
4 the Customs Service; and

5 “(B) the bond posted as required by sub-
6 section (c)(2) shall be returned to the importer.

7 “(2) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—No exten-
8 sions of the bond period shall be allowed. Any large
9 yacht exported in compliance with the bond period
10 may not be reentered for purposes of sale at a boat
11 show in the United States (in order to receive duty
12 deferral benefits) for a period of 3 months after
13 such exportation.

14 “(f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury
15 is authorized to make such rules and regulations as may
16 be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
18 this section shall apply with respect to a large yacht en-
19 tered into the United States after the date that is 15 days
20 after the date of enactment of this Act.

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