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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

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

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Naval Vessel Transfer
3 Act of 2012”.

4 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF NAVAL VESSELS TO CERTAIN FOR-**
5 **EIGN RECIPIENTS.**

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

10 (1) MEXICO.—To the Government of Mexico,
11 the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class guided missile
12 frigates USS CURTS (FFG–38) and USS
13 MCCLUSKY (FFG–41).

14 (2) THAILAND.—To the Government of Thai-
15 land, the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class guided
16 missile frigates USS RENTZ (FFG–46) and USS
17 VANDEGRIFT (FFG–48).

18 (3) TURKEY.—To the Government of Turkey,
19 the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class guided missile
20 frigates USS HALYBURTON (FFG–40) and USS
21 THACH (FFG–43).

22 (b) TRANSFER BY SALE.—The President is author-
23 ized to transfer the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class
24 guided missile frigates USS TAYLOR (FFG–50), USS
25 GARY (FFG–51), USS CARR (FFG–52), and USS
26 ELROD (FFG–55) to the Taipei Economic and Cultural

1 Representative Office of the United States (which is the
2 Taiwan instrumentality designated pursuant to section
3 10(a) of the Taiwan Relations Act (22 U.S.C. 3309(a)))
4 on a sale basis under section 21 of the Arms Export Con-
5 trol Act (22 U.S.C. 2761).

6 (c) ALTERNATIVE TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—Not-
7 withstanding the authority provided in subsections (a) and
8 (b) to transfer specific vessels to specific countries, the
9 President is authorized, subject to the same conditions
10 that would apply for such country under this Act, to trans-
11 fer any vessel named in this Act to any country named
12 in this Act such that the total number of vessels trans-
13 ferred to such country does not exceed the total number
14 of vessels authorized for transfer to such country by this
15 Act.

16 (d) GRANTS NOT COUNTED IN ANNUAL TOTAL OF
17 TRANSFERRED EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES.—The value
18 of a vessel transferred to another country on a grant basis
19 pursuant to authority provided by subsection (a) or (c)
20 shall not be counted against the aggregate value of excess
21 defense articles transferred in any fiscal year under sec-
22 tion 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
23 2321j).

24 (e) COSTS OF TRANSFERS.—Any expense incurred by
25 the United States in connection with a transfer authorized

1 by this section shall be charged to the recipient notwith-
2 standing section 516(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
3 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j(e)).

4 (f) REPAIR AND REFURBISHMENT IN UNITED
5 STATES SHIPYARDS.—To the maximum extent prac-
6 ticable, the President shall require, as a condition of the
7 transfer of a vessel under this section, that the recipient
8 to which the vessel is transferred have such repair or re-
9 furbishment of the vessel as is needed, before the vessel
10 joins the naval forces of that recipient, performed at a
11 shipyard located in the United States, including a United
12 States Navy shipyard.

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

Passed the House of Representatives December 31,
2012.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.