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H. R. 2838

To amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to coastwise endorsements and Puerto Rico, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2013

Mr. PIERLUISI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Puerto Rico Interstate
5 Commerce Improvement Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. COASTWISE ENDORSEMENTS AND PUERTO RICO.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 12120 of title 46, United
8 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 12120. Coastwise endorsements and Puerto Rico**

2 “(a) EXEMPTION FROM REQUIREMENTS.—With re-
3 spect to engaging in the coastwise trade, no requirement
4 under section 12112(a)(2) or section 12132 applies to a
5 vessel that—

6 “(1) is self propelled;

7 “(2) is transporting bulk cargo, including
8 liquified natural gas or liquified petroleum gas bulk
9 cargo; and

10 “(3) is transporting such cargo—

11 “(A) to Puerto Rico from another port in
12 the United States; or

13 “(B) from Puerto Rico to another port in
14 the United States.

15 “(b) BULK CARGO DEFINED.—In this section, the
16 term ‘bulk cargo’ has the meaning given that term in sec-
17 tion 53101.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
19 ter 121 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by
20 striking the item relating to section 12120 and inserting
21 the following:

“12120. Coastwise endorsements and Puerto Rico.”.

