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1ST SESSION

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To allow the Coast Guard to issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise endorsement for the vessel OLIVER HAZARD PERRY, and for other purposes.

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

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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