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S. 1647

To authorize an exception to the restriction on construction of Coast Guard vessels in foreign shipyards for certain construction in shipyards in North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2021

Mr. LEE 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Enhancing Coast
5 Guard Readiness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCEPTION TO RESTRICTION ON CONSTRUCTION**
 2 **OF COAST GUARD VESSELS IN FOREIGN SHIP-**
 3 **YARDS FOR CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION IN**
 4 **SHIPYARDS IN NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY OR-**
 5 **GANIZATION COUNTRIES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1151 of title 14, United
 7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “subsection
 9 (b)” and inserting “subsections (b) and (c)”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 11 section:

12 “(c) Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to
 13 construction otherwise covered by that subsection if—

14 “(1) the foreign shipyard concerned is located
 15 in a North Atlantic Treaty Organization country;
 16 and

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

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 8679(a) of
 21 title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting “and
 22 section 1151(c) of title 14” after “in subsection (b)”.

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