

117TH CONGRESS
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S. 1648

To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the construction of naval vessels 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 Armed Services

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. CONSTRUCTION OF NAVAL VESSELS IN SHIP-**
4 **YARDS IN NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANI-**
5 **ZATION COUNTRIES.**

6 Section 8679 of title 10, United States Code, is
7 amended—

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

1 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
2 section (d); and

3 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
4 lowing new subsection (c):

5 “(c) CONSTRUCTION OF NAVAL VESSELS IN SHIP-
6 YARDS IN NATO COUNTRIES.—The Secretary of the Navy
7 may construct a naval vessel in a foreign shipyard if—
8 “(1) the shipyard is located within the bound-
9 aries of a member country of the North Atlantic
10 Treaty Organization; and

11 “(2) the cost of construction of such vessel in
12 such shipyard will be less than the cost of construc-
13 tion of such vessel in a domestic shipyard.”.

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