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H. R. 529

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received

AN ACT

To extend the customs waters of the United States from 12 nautical miles to 24 nautical miles from the baselines of the United States, consistent with Presidential Proclamation 7219.

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 “Extending Limits of
3 U.S. Customs Waters Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF CUSTOMS WATERS.**

5 (a) TARIFF ACT OF 1930.—Section 401(j) of the
6 Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1401(j)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “means, in the case” and insert-
8 ing the following: “means—

9 “(1) in the case”;

10 (2) by striking “of the coast of the United
11 States” the first place it appears and inserting
12 “from the baselines of the United States, determined
13 in accordance with international law,”;

14 (3) by striking “and, in the case” and inserting
15 the following: “; and

16 “(2) in the case”; and

17 (4) by striking “the waters within four leagues
18 of the coast of the United States.” and inserting the
19 following: “the waters within—

20 “(A) the territorial sea of the United
21 States, to the limits permitted by international
22 law in accordance with Presidential Proclama-
23 tion 5928 of December 27, 1988; and

24 “(B) the contiguous zone of the United
25 States, to the limits permitted by international

1 law in accordance with Presidential Proclama-
2 tion 7219 of September 2, 1999.”.

3 (b) ANTI-SMUGGLING ACT.—Section 401(c) of the
4 Anti-Smuggling Act (19 U.S.C. 1709(c)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “means, in the case” and insert-
6 ing the following: “means—

7 “(1) in the case”;

8 (2) by striking “of the coast of the United
9 States” the first place it appears and inserting
10 “from the baselines of the United States, determined
11 in accordance with international law,”;

12 (3) by striking “and, in the case” and inserting
13 the following: “; and

14 “(2) in the case”; and

15 (4) by striking “the waters within four leagues
16 of the coast of the United States.” and inserting the
17 following: “the waters within—

18 “(A) the territorial sea of the United
19 States, to the limits permitted by international
20 law in accordance with Presidential Proclama-
21 tion 5928 of December 27, 1988; and

22 “(B) the contiguous zone of the United
23 States, to the limits permitted by international
24 law in accordance with Presidential Proclama-
25 tion 7219 of September 2, 1999.”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall take effect on the day after the date of
3 the enactment of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives April 30, 2024.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.