

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4694

To provide an exemption from certain Jones Act restrictions for vessels that arrive at or depart from the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11 (legislative day, JULY 10), 2024

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 “Baltimore Recovery
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM JONES ACT RE-**
2 **STRICTIONS FOR VESSELS ARRIVING AT OR**
3 **DEPARTING FROM THE PORT OF BALTIMORE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections 12112,
5 12103, and 55102 of title 46, United States Code, any
6 vessel that, after the date of enactment of this Act, arrives
7 at or departs from the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Balti-
8 more shall be exempt from the requirements of such sec-
9 tions.

10 (b) APPLICABILITY.—This section, and any exemp-
11 tion under this section, shall cease to have effect on the
12 day that is 5 years after the date of enactment of this
13 Act.

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