

118TH CONGRESS
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S. 4696

To provide an exemption from certain dredging 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 “Restore the Port of
5 Baltimore Act”.

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

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections 55102,
5 55109, and 55110 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—

9 (1) the requirements of section 55109 of title
10 46, United States Code;

11 (2) the requirements of section 55110 of such
12 title; and

13 (3) the requirements of section 55102 of such
14 title, with respect to the transportation of valueless
15 material or dredged material as described in such
16 section 55110.

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

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