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H. R. 1822

To provide acquisition requirements for Coast Guard Polar Security Cutters,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2019

Mr. GIBBS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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Security Cutters, and for other purposes.

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 “Polar Security Cutter
5 Acquisition Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. POLAR SECURITY CUTTER ACQUISITION REQUIRE-**
7 **MENTS.**

8 (a) COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION
9 ACT OF 2012.—Section 222 of the Coast Guard and Mari-

1 time Transportation Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–213)

2 is amended by—

3 (1) redesignating subsection (c) as subsection

4 (d); and

5 (2) inserting after subsection (b) the following:

6 “(c) ACQUISITION REQUIREMENTS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability
8 of appropriations, in acquiring any polar icebreaker,
9 except for an icebreaker authorized under the Na-
10 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
11 2018 (Public Law 115–91), the Commandant of the
12 Coast Guard shall—

13 “(A) limit military specifications for such
14 vessel to armament, aviation capabilities, com-
15 munications equipment, and navigation equip-
16 ment, as described in the letter report, unless
17 funding is provided from other than appropria-
18 tions for the Department of Homeland Secu-
19 rity;

20 “(B) ensure specifications and key draw-
21 ings are complete before awarding the contract
22 for construction;

23 “(C) ensure detail design of the vessel is
24 complete before the start of construction;

1 “(D) to the extent practicable, use the
2 block-buy contract authority provided under
3 section 1137 of title 14, United States Code;
4 and

5 “(E) ensure all icebreaker hulls are science
6 ready and icebreaker hull number four is
7 science capable, as described in the letter re-
8 port.

9 “(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
10 ‘letter report’ means the National Academies of
11 Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine’s Committee on
12 Polar Icebreaker Cost Assessment letter report enti-
13 tled ‘Acquisition and Operation of Polar Icebreakers:
14 Fulfilling the Nation’s Needs’ and dated July 11,
15 2017.”.

16 (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—

17 (1) CORRECTION.—Section 207(a)(6) of the
18 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015 (Public Law
19 114–120) is amended by striking “in subsection (d)
20 (” and inserting “in subsection (e) (”.

21 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
22 by paragraph (1) shall be effective upon the enact-
23 ment of such Act.

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