

113TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 5270

To promote the transportation of liquified natural gas from the United States on United States flag vessels, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2014

Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself and Mr. HUNTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Growing American  
5 Shipping Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 With respect to the trade and maritime transpor-  
8 tation of natural gas produced in the United States, it  
9 is the purpose of this Act to—

1           (1) enhance the national security and port safe-  
2           ty of the United States by encouraging to the max-  
3           imum extent practicable the transport of liquified  
4           natural gas on United States flag vessels;

5           (2) maintain the technological ability of the  
6           United States shipbuilding industry to build and re-  
7           pair vessels for the Navy and the Coast Guard by  
8           maintaining the critical industrial infrastructure and  
9           skilled human workforce necessary to build such ves-  
10          sels; and

11          (3) ensure to the maximum extent practicable  
12          that all maritime personnel operating vessels trans-  
13          porting liquified natural gas to or from the United  
14          States are credentialed by the Coast Guard and  
15          qualified to hold a transportation security card.

16 **SEC. 3. PROMOTION OF TRANSPORTATION OF LNG FROM**  
17                               **THE UNITED STATES ON UNITED STATES**  
18                               **FLAG VESSELS.**

19          (a) PROGRAM.—Section 304(a) of the Coast Guard  
20          and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006 (Public Law  
21          109–241; 33 U.S.C. 1503 note) is amended by inserting  
22          “and from” before “the United States”.

23          (b) AMENDMENT OF DEEPWATER PORT ACT.—Sec-  
24          tion 4(i) of the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C.  
25          1503(i)) is amended by inserting before the period the fol-

- 1 lowing: “or that will supply liquified natural gas to be ex-
- 2 ported on United States flag vessels”.

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