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# H. R. 6455

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 7, 2016

Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself and Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Energizing American  
5 Maritime Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL POLICY ON STRATEGIC ENERGY ASSET**  
2 **EXPORT TRANSPORTATION.**

3 (a) LNG EXPORTS.—

4 (1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (A) LNG is an explosive gas that can be  
6 hazardous to national import and export termi-  
7 nals and ports when mishandled.

8 (B) LNG is a strategic national asset, the  
9 export of which will be used to preserve the  
10 United States tanker fleet and skilled mariner  
11 workforce that are essential to national secu-  
12 rity.

13 (C) For the safety and security of the  
14 United States, LNG should be exported on ves-  
15 sels documented under the laws of the United  
16 States.

17 (2) REQUIREMENT.—Section 3 of the Natural  
18 Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b) is amended by adding at  
19 the end the following:

20 “(g) TRANSPORTATION OF EXPORTS OF LNG ON  
21 VESSELS DOCUMENTED UNDER LAWS OF THE UNITED  
22 STATES.—As a condition for approval of any authoriza-  
23 tion to export LNG, the Secretary of Energy shall require  
24 the applicant to transport the authorized exports on ves-  
25 sels documented under the laws of the United States, as  
26 follows:

1           “(1) Fifteen percent of the LNG authorized to  
2           be exported in each of 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and  
3           2024.

4           “(2) Thirty percent of the LNG authorized to  
5           be exported in 2025 and each year thereafter.”.

6           (3) OPPORTUNITIES FOR LICENSED AND UNLI-  
7           CENSED MARINERS.—Each Federal official respon-  
8           sible for the issuance of a permit authorizing the ex-  
9           port of LNG shall require, as a condition and term  
10          of the permit, that the permittee shall provide oppor-  
11          tunities for United States licensed and unlicensed  
12          mariners to receive experience and training nec-  
13          essary for them to become credentialed in working  
14          on an LNG vessel.

15          (b) CRUDE OIL.—Section 101 of title I of division  
16 O of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (42  
17 U.S.C. 6212a) is amended—

18           (1) in subsection (b), by striking “subsections  
19           (c) and (d)” and inserting “subsections (c), (d), and  
20           (e)”;

21           (2) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-  
22           section (f); and

23           (3) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
24           lowing:

1       “(e) TRANSPORTATION OF EXPORTS OF CRUDE OIL  
2 ON VESSELS DOCUMENTED UNDER LAWS OF THE  
3 UNITED STATES.—As a condition to export crude oil, the  
4 President shall require an applicant to transport the ex-  
5 ports on vessels documented under the laws of the United  
6 States, as follows:

7               “(1) Fifteen percent of the crude oil to be ex-  
8       ported in each of 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and  
9       2024.

10              “(2) Thirty percent of the crude oil to be ex-  
11       ported in 2025 and each year thereafter.”.

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