

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6974

To amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt certain vessels transporting crude oil, petroleum, petroleum products, and liquified natural gas between a port in Hawaii and another port in the United States from Jones Act vessel requirements for the duration of any ban on the transportation of crude oil or petroleum products from the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2022

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

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXCEPTION FOR TRANSPORTATION OF CRUDE**
2 **OIL, PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS,**
3 **AND LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS BETWEEN HA-**
4 **WAI AND OTHER PORTS IN THE UNITED**
5 **STATES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 551 of title 46, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 **“§ 55124. Exception for transportation of crude oil,**
10 **petroleum, petroleum products, and**
11 **liquified natural gas between Hawaii and**
12 **other ports in the United States.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
14 vision of law, a vessel may transport crude oil, petroleum,
15 petroleum products, and liquified natural gas between a
16 port in Hawaii and another port in the United States.

17 “(b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall apply for
18 the duration of any period in which there exists a ban on
19 the transportation of crude oil, petroleum, petroleum prod-
20 ucts, and liquified natural gas from the Russian Federa-
21 tion.

22 “(c) CERTAIN VESSELS EXCLUDED.—Subsection (a)
23 shall not apply to—

24 “(1) a vessel that is owned, in whole or in part,
25 by—

26 “(A) a Russian national; or

1 “(B) the government of the Russian Fed-
2 eration; or

3 “(2) a Russian-flagged vessel.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
5 ter 551 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by
6 adding at the end the following:

“55124. Exception for transportation of crude oil, petroleum, petroleum prod-
ucts, and liquified natural gas between Hawaii and other ports
in the United States.”.

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