

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.

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

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”.

