

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 252

AN ACT

To amend title 46, United States Code, to prohibit certain contracts for port operations and management, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Secure Our Ports Act
3 of 2025”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR PORT**
5 **OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 700 of
7 title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
8 end the following:

9 **“§ 70015. Prohibition on certain contracts for port op-**
10 **eration and management**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An owner or operator of a facil-
12 ity for which a facility security plan is required under sec-
13 tion 70103(c) of this title may not enter into a contract
14 for the ownership, leasing, or operation of such facility
15 with an entity that is—

16 “(1) a Chinese, Russian, North Korean, or Ira-
17 nian state-owned enterprise; or

18 “(2) a foreign entity for which any percentage
19 is owned by a country listed in paragraph (1).

20 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘facil-
21 ity’, and ‘owner or operator’ have the meanings given such
22 terms in section 70101 of this title.”.

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
24 ter 700 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by

1 inserting after the item relating to section 70014 the fol-
2 lowing:

“70015. Prohibition on certain contracts for port operation and management.”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 9, 2025.

Attest:

Clerk.

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