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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Secure Our Ports Act of 2025''.

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

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

''§ 70015. Prohibition on certain contracts for port operation and management

''(a) IN GENERAL.—An owner or operator of a facility for which a facility security plan is required under section 70103(c) of this title may not enter into a contract for the ownership, leasing, or operation of such facility with an entity that is—

''(1) a Chinese, Russian, North Korean, or Iranian state-owned enterprise; or

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

''(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms 'facility', and 'owner or operator' have the meanings given such terms in section 70101 of this title.''.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 700 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by

inserting after the item relating to section 70014 the following:

"70015. Prohibition on certain contracts for port operation and management.".

Passed the House of Representatives June 9, 2025.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,

Clerk.