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# H. R. 665

To amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt certain noncontiguous trade from the coastwise laws.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2025

Mr. CASE (for himself and Mr. MOYLAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

To amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt certain noncontiguous trade from the coastwise laws.

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 “Noncontiguous Ship-  
5 ping Competition Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SHIPPING: EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN NONCONTIG-**  
7 **UOUS TRADE FROM THE COASTWISE LAWS.**

8 Section 55101(b) of title 46, United States Code, is  
9 amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “or” after the  
2           semicolon;

3           (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period and  
4           inserting “; or”; and

5           (3) by adding at the end the following:

6           “(4) carriage on a route in noncontiguous trade  
7           (as that term is defined in section 53501), unless—

8                   “(A) at least three owners or operators of  
9                   coastwise qualified vessels (as that term is de-  
10                  fined in section 55108(a)) regularly operate  
11                  such a vessel on such route;

12                   “(B) each of such owners or operators  
13                  transports at least 20 percent of the volume of  
14                  goods on that route; and

15                   “(C) none of such owners or operators are  
16                  under common ownership.”.

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