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# S. 1577

To amend section 1151 of title 14, United States Code, to modify the restriction on construction of Coast Guard vessels in foreign shipyards.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 1, 2025

Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## 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. MODIFICATION OF RESTRICTION ON CON-**  
4       **STRUCTION OF VESSELS IN FOREIGN SHIP-**  
5       **YARDS.**

6       Section 1151 of title 14, United States Code, is  
7       amended—

8               (1) in subsection (a), by striking “Except” and  
9       inserting the following:

10       “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except”; and

1           (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-  
2 lows:

3           “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

4               “(1) NATIONAL SECURITY INTEREST.—

5                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—The President may  
6 authorize exceptions to the prohibition in sub-  
7 section (a) when the President determines that  
8 it is in the national security interest of the  
9 United States to do so.

10                   “(B) NOTIFICATION.—The President shall  
11 transmit notice to Congress of any such deter-  
12 mination, and no contract may be made pursu-  
13 ant to the exception authorized until the end of  
14 the 30-day period beginning on the date the no-  
15 tice of such determination is received by Con-  
16 gress.

17                   “(C) CERTIFICATION.—The President may  
18 only authorize an exception under this para-  
19 graph if the President, in coordination with the  
20 Commandant, has certified to Congress that—

21                           “(i) the foreign shipyard concerned  
22 is—

23                                   “(I) a member of the North At-  
24 lantic Treaty Organization; or

1                   “(II) party to an active United  
2                   States defense treaty in the Indo-Pa-  
3                   cific region;

4                   “(ii) the cost to the United States  
5                   Government of using such foreign shipyard  
6                   for construction described in subsection (a)  
7                   is less than the cost to the United States  
8                   Government of using a domestic shipyard  
9                   for such construction;

10                  “(iii) the timeline for the design, con-  
11                  struction, and delivery of a vessel or major  
12                  component described in subsection (a)  
13                  from a domestic shipyard is more than 18  
14                  months later than the timeline for the de-  
15                  sign, construction, and delivery of such  
16                  vessel or major component from such for-  
17                  eign shipyard; and

18                  “(iv) during the 5-year period ending  
19                  on the date on which the certification is  
20                  submitted, the foreign shipyard concerned  
21                  has demonstrated the capacity to design,  
22                  construct, and deliver a vessel capable of  
23                  performing the missions specified in sec-  
24                  tion 888(a) of the Homeland Security Act  
25                  of 2002 (8 U.S.C. 468(a))—

1                   “(I) at a cost to the United  
2                   States Government that is less than  
3                   the cost of using a domestic shipyard;  
4                   and

5                   “(II) within a timeline for design,  
6                   construction, and delivery that is less  
7                   than 18 months later than such a  
8                   timeline from a domestic shipyard.

9                   “(2) ACQUISITION OF COMPLETED VESSEL.—  
10                  The Secretary may acquire from a foreign shipyard  
11                  a completed vessel if—

12                   “(A) the foreign shipyard is—

13                    “(i) a member of the North Atlantic  
14                    Treaty Organization; or

15                    “(ii) party to an active United States  
16                    defense treaty in the Indo-Pacific region;  
17                    and

18                   “(B) the government of the country in  
19                   which the foreign shipyard is located enters into  
20                   a warranty agreement with the United States  
21                   Government with respect to such vessel.”.

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