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S. 742

To extend duty-free treatment provided with respect to imports from Haiti under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Haiti Economic Lift
5 Program Extension Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF SPECIAL RULES FOR HAITI UNDER**
 2 **CARIBBEAN BASIN ECONOMIC RECOVERY**
 3 **ACT.**

4 Section 213A of the Caribbean Basin Economic Re-
 5 covery Act (19 U.S.C. 2703a) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) by amending subparagraph

9 (B)(v)(I) to read as follows:

10 “(I) APPLICABLE PERCENT-
 11 AGE.—The term ‘applicable percent-
 12 age’ means 60 percent or more on and
 13 after December 20, 2017.”; and

14 (ii) by amending subparagraph (C) to
 15 read as follows:

16 “(C) QUANTITATIVE LIMITATIONS.—The
 17 preferential treatment described in subpara-
 18 graph (A) shall be extended, during each period
 19 after the initial applicable 1-year period, to not
 20 more than 1.25 percent of the aggregate square
 21 meter equivalents of all apparel articles im-
 22 ported into the United States in the most re-
 23 cent 12-month period for which data are avail-
 24 able.”; and

25 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “in each
 26 of the 16 succeeding 1-year periods” each place

1 it appears and inserting “in any of the suc-
2 ceeding 1-year periods”; and

3 (2) by amending subsection (h) to read as fol-
4 lows:

5 “(h) TERMINATION.—The duty-free treatment pro-
6 vided under this section shall remain in effect until Sep-
7 tember 30, 2035.”.

8 **SEC. 3. RESTORATION OF ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN ARTI-**
9 **CLES FOR PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall proclaim such
11 modifications to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the
12 United States as may be necessary to restore the eligibility
13 of articles described in subsection (b) for preferential
14 treatment under section 213A of the Caribbean Basin
15 Economic Recovery Act (19 U.S.C. 2703a).

16 (b) ARTICLES DESCRIBED.—An article described in
17 this subsection is an article that—

18 (1) was eligible for preferential treatment under
19 section 213A of the Caribbean Basin Economic Re-
20 covery Act (19 U.S.C. 2703a) on December 20,
21 2006; and

22 (2) became ineligible for such treatment after
23 that date and before the date of the enactment of
24 this Act as a result of revisions to the Harmonized
25 Tariff Schedule.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROCLAMATION.—A procla-
2 mation under subsection (a) shall take effect not earlier
3 than 2 business days after the President submits to the
4 Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee
5 on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives a
6 report on the proclamation and the reasons for the modi-
7 fications to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule under the
8 proclamation.

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