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# H. R. 7171

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2022

Mr. PERRY (for himself, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. ROY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American LNG First  
5 Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FROM COASTWISE LAWS FOR VESSELS**  
 2 **TRANSPORTING LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS.**

3 (a) **GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**—Sec-  
 4 tion 12103 of title 46, United States Code, is amended  
 5 by adding at the end the following:

6 “(d) **EXCEPTION FOR VESSELS TRANSPORTING LIQ-**  
 7 **UEFIED NATURAL GAS.**—

8 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding subsection  
 9 (a), a certificate of documentation may be issued  
 10 under this chapter for any vessel transporting meth-  
 11 ane, refrigerated liquid, commonly known as lique-  
 12 fied natural gas.

13 “(2) **CERTAIN VESSELS EXCLUDED.**—Para-  
 14 graph (1) shall not apply to—

15 “(A) a vessel that is owned, in whole or in  
 16 part, by—

17 “(i) a Russian national; or

18 “(ii) the Government of the Russian  
 19 Federation;

20 “(B) a Russian-flagged vessel; or

21 “(C) a vessel for which any crewmember is  
 22 a Russian national.”.

23 (b) **COASTWISE ENDORSEMENT.**—Section  
 24 12112(a)(2)(B) of title 46, United States Code, is amend-  
 25 ed—

26 (1) in clause (ii) by striking “or” at the end;

1           (2) in clause (iii) by striking “and” at the end  
2           and inserting “or”; and

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

4                   “(iv) transports methane, refrigerated liq-  
5           uid, commonly known as liquefied natural gas;  
6           and”.

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