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S. 2559

To prohibit the modification, termination, abandonment, or transfer of the lease by which the United States acquired the land and waters containing Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 22, 2016

Mr. BURR (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. COTTON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Naval Station Guanta-
5 namo Bay Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON MODIFICATION, TERMINATION,**
2 **ABANDONMENT, OR TRANSFER OF LEASE,**
3 **GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—The President may not modify,
5 terminate, abandon, or transfer the lease with the Govern-
6 ment of Cuba by which the United States acquired 45-
7 square miles of land and waters that currently contain
8 Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, unless—

9 (1) the President notifies Congress of the pro-
10 posed modification, termination, abandonment, or
11 transfer of the lease; and

12 (2) after such notification, Congress enacts a
13 law authorizing that modification, termination,
14 abandonment, or transfer.

15 (b) NO NEW GRANT OF AUTHORITY.—Nothing in
16 subsection (a) shall be construed to grant the President
17 any authority regarding the lease described in such sub-
18 section that does not already exist before the date of the
19 enactment of this Act.

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