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2D SESSION

H. R. 7343

To exempt certain vessels transporting crude oil and petroleum products from certain coastwise endorsement requirements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2022

Mr. PERRY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 Petroleum
5 First Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FROM COASTWISE LAWS FOR VESSELS**
 2 **TRANSPORTING CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM**
 3 **PRODUCTS.**

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

7 “(d) EXCEPTION FOR VESSELS TRANSPORTING
 8 CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection
 10 (a), a certificate of documentation may be issued
 11 under this chapter for any vessel transporting crude
 12 oil and petroleum products.

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; and

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 crude oil and petroleum
5 products; and”.

