

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 5114

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 27, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI 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. LOANS FOR RETROFITTING TO QUALIFY AS A**  
4                       **VESSEL OF THE UNITED STATES.**

5       Section 53706 of title 46, United States Code, is  
6       amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the  
2 following:

3           “(8) Financing (including reimbursement of an  
4 obligor for expenditures previously made for) recon-  
5 struction, reconditioning, retrofitting, repair, or  
6 similar work in a shipyard located in the United  
7 States—

8           “(A) required for the vessel to be a vessel  
9 of the United States;

10          “(B) required for the vessel to be issued a  
11 coastwise endorsement under chapter 121;

12          “(C) to convert a civilian vessel of the  
13 United States to a more useful military configu-  
14 ration;

15          “(D) for any vessel under contract to the  
16 Federal Government; or

17          “(E) for any vessel participating in:

18               “(i) the Maritime Security Program  
19 under chapter 531;

20               “(ii) the Cable Security Fleet under  
21 chapter 532; or

22               “(iii) the Tanker Security Fleet under  
23 chapter 534.”.

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