

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 298

To amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt certain noncontiguous trade from the coastwise laws.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 2021

Mr. CASE 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 “Noncontiguous Ship-
5 ping Competition Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SHIPPING: EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN NONCONTIG-**
7 **UOUS TRADE FROM THE COASTWISE LAWS.**

8 Section 55101(b) of title 46, United States Code, is
9 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “or” after the
2 semicolon;

3 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period and
4 inserting “; or”; and

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

6 “(4) carriage on a route in noncontiguous trade
7 (as that term is defined in section 53501), unless—

8 “(A) at least three owners or operators of
9 coastwise qualified vessels (as that term is de-
10 fined in section 55108(a)) regularly operate
11 such a vessel on such route;

12 “(B) each of such owners or operators
13 transports at least 20 percent of the volume of
14 goods on that route; and

15 “(C) none of such owners or operators are
16 under common ownership.”.

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