

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4005**  
**OFFERED BY MR. GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title III (page 28, after line 8) add the following:

**1 SEC. 3 \_\_\_\_ . PROMOTION OF LNG CARRIER CONSTRUCTION.**

**2 (a) ELIGIBLE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION FINANC-**  
**3 ING ASSISTANCE.**—Section 53706(c)(1) of title 46, United  
**4 States Code, is amended—**

**5 (1) by striking “and” after the semicolon at the**  
**6 end of subparagraph (A);**

**7 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-**  
**8 paragraph (B) and inserting “; and”; and**

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

**10 “(C) after applying subparagraphs (A) and**  
**11 (B), a vessel that is utilized primarily to trans-**  
**12 port liquefied natural gas.”.**

**13 (b) VESSEL TRANSPORT OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL**  
**14 GAS.—**

**15 (1) IN GENERAL.**—Section 12120 of title 46,  
**16 United States Code, is amended—**

**17 (A) by amending the heading to read as**  
**18 follows:**

1 **“§ 12120. Liquified natural gas transport”.**

2 (B) by inserting “(b) PUERTO RICO.—”  
3 before “Notwithstanding”; and

4 (C) by inserting before subsection (b) (as  
5 designated by the amendment made by para-  
6 graph (2) of this subsection) the following:

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

8 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—A certificate of docu-  
9 mentation with a liquified natural gas endorsement  
10 may be issued for a vessel that—

11 “(A)(i) is issued a registry endorsement or  
12 a coastwise endorsement; or

13 “(ii) is exempt from documentation but  
14 would otherwise be eligible for such a certificate  
15 and endorsement;

16 “(B) for carriage of liquified natural gas in  
17 foreign trade during the 10-year period begin-  
18 ning on the date of the enactment of the Coast  
19 Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of  
20 2014, otherwise qualifies under the laws of the  
21 United States to engage in the coastwise trade  
22 or foreign trade of the United States; and

23 “(C) for carriage of liquified natural gas in  
24 foreign trade after such period, otherwise quali-  
25 fies under the laws of the United States to en-  
26 gage in the coastwise trade.

1           “(2) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITY.—Subject to the  
2       laws regulating coastwise trade and to prohibitions  
3       and restrictions under international conventions,  
4       treaties, and agreements, a vessel for which a lique-  
5       fied natural gas endorsement is issued may engage  
6       in the transportation of liquefied natural gas in for-  
7       eign trade.”.

8           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis at  
9       the beginning of chapter 121 of title 46, United  
10      States Code, is amended by striking the item relat-  
11      ing to section 12120 and inserting the following:

“12120. Liquefied natural gas transport.”.

