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# H. R. 9585

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

Mrs. STEEL (for herself, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. MOYLAN, Mrs. BICE, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. LAMALFA, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. HUDSON, and Mr. RUTHERFORD) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Secure Our Ports Act  
5 of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR PORT**  
2 **OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 700 of  
4 title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
5 end the following:

6 **“§ 70015. Prohibition on certain contracts for port op-**  
7 **eration and management**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An owner or operator of a facil-  
9 ity for which an Area Maritime Transportation Security  
10 Plan is required under section 70103 of this title may not  
11 enter into a contract for the ownership, leasing, or oper-  
12 ation of such facility with an entity that is—

13 “(1) a Chinese, Russian, North Korean, or Ira-  
14 nian state-owned enterprise; or

15 “(2) a foreign entity for which any percentage  
16 is owned by a country listed in paragraph (1).

17 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘Area  
18 Maritime Transportation Security Plan’, ‘facility’, and  
19 ‘owner or operator’ have the meanings given such terms  
20 in section 70101 of this title.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
22 ter 700 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by  
23 inserting after the item relating to section 70014 the fol-  
24 lowing:

“70015. Prohibition on certain contracts for port operation and management.”.