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H. R. 2369

To amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide for a deferral of the payment of a duty upon the sale of certain used yachts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FRANKEL of Florida (for herself, Mr. YOHIO, Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. DESANTIS, Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida, and Mr. MAST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. DUTY UPON SALE OF CERTAIN USED YACHTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the Tariff Act of 1930
5 (19 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.) is amended by striking section
6 484b and inserting the following:

1 **“SEC. 484b. DUTY UPON SALE OF CERTAIN USED YACHTS.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
3 vision of law, any used yacht that has a valid cruising li-
4 cense under the laws of the United States may enter, may
5 be offered for sale in, and may remain in, the customs
6 territory of the United States without the payment of
7 duty, except that—

8 “(1) if the used yacht, while in the customs ter-
9 ritory of the United States, is sold to a resident of
10 the United States—

11 “(A) entry of the used yacht shall be com-
12 pleted and duty shall be deposited with U.S.
13 Customs and Border Protection within 15 days
14 after the date on which the sale is completed;
15 and

16 “(B) any yacht broker or dealer involved in
17 the sale shall collect the duty and remit the
18 duty to U.S. Customs and Border Protection
19 within 15 days after the date on which the sale
20 is completed; and

21 “(2) duty on the sale of a yacht described in
22 paragraph (1) shall be calculated at the applicable
23 rate provided under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule
24 of the United States and shall be based upon the
25 value of the yacht at the time of sale.

1 “(b) NO POSTING OF BOND.—No bond may be re-
 2 quired to be posted, upon entry of a used yacht into the
 3 customs territory of the United States, for the duty other-
 4 wise payable on the entry of a used yacht to which sub-
 5 section (a) applies.

6 “(c) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term
 7 ‘used yacht’ means a vessel that has been sold, before the
 8 vessel is brought into the customs territory of the United
 9 States, by a manufacturer or dealer to a retail consumer
 10 and that is used primarily for recreation or pleasure.

11 “(d) REGULATIONS.—The Commissioner responsible
 12 for U.S. Customs and Border Protection may issue such
 13 regulations as may be necessary to carry out this sec-
 14 tion.”.

15 (b) RELATIONSHIP TO HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHED-
 16 ULE.—Additional U.S. Note 1 to chapter 89 of the Har-
 17 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended
 18 by inserting “, subject to section 484b of the Tariff Act
 19 of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1484b)” after “payment of duty”.

20 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 The amendments made by section 1 shall apply to
 22 vessels entering the customs territory of the United States
 23 on or after the 15th day after the date of the enactment
 24 of this Act.

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