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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Europe’s Energy Security Clarification Act of 2020”.

SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION AND EXPANSION OF SANCTIONS RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION OF NORD STREAM 2 OR TURKSTREAM PIPELINE PROJECTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a)(1) of section 7503 of the Protecting Europe’s Energy Security Act of 2019 (title LXXV of Public Law 116–92) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “or pipe-laying activities” after “pipe-laying”; and

(2) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) in clause (i)—

(i) by striking “sold, leased, or provided” and inserting “facilitated selling, leasing, or providing”; and

(ii) by striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon;

(B) in clause (ii), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(iii) provided underwriting services or insurance or reinsurance for those vessels;

“(iv) provided services or facilities for technology upgrades or installation of welding equipment for, or retrofitting or tethering of, those vessels; or
“(v) provided services for the testing, inspection, or certification necessary for, or associated with the operation of, the Nord Stream 2 pipeline.”.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—Subsection (i) of such section is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (6); and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following:

“(5) PIPE-LAYING ACTIVITIES.—The term ‘pipe-laying activities’ means activities that facilitate pipe-laying, including site preparation, trenching, surveying, placing rocks, stringing, bending, welding, coating, lowering of pipe, and backfilling.”.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this section take effect on the date of the enactment of the Protecting Europe’s Energy Security Act of 2019.

(2) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees, as defined in sub-
section (i) of section 7503 of the Protecting Europe’s Energy Security Act of 2019, a report on the matters required by subsection (a) of that section, as amended by this section, for the period beginning on the date of the enactment of that Act and ending on the date on which the report is submitted.