

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1697

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 9, 2003

Mr. PALLONE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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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 “Clean Ocean and Safe  
5 Tourism Anti-Drilling Act” or the “COAST Anti-Drilling  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN CER-**  
2 **TAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL**  
3 **SHELF.**

4 Section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act  
5 (43 U.S.C. 1337) is amended by adding at the end the  
6 following:

7 “(p) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN  
8 CERTAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—  
9 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or any  
10 other law, the Secretary of the Interior shall not issue a  
11 lease for the exploration, development, or production of  
12 oil, natural gas, or any other mineral in—

13 “(1) the Mid-Atlantic planning area; or

14 “(2) the North Atlantic planning area.”.

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