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# H. R. 944

To prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing oil and gas leases on portions of the Outer Continental Shelf located off the coast of New Jersey.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2007

Mr. LOBIONDO (for himself, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural 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. PROHIBITION ON OIL AND GAS LEASING OFF**

4 **THE COAST OF NEW JERSEY.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of the Interior  
6 shall not issue a lease, permit, or license for the explo-  
7 ration for or extraction of oil or gas on or from submerged  
8 lands described in subsection (b).

1           (b) LANDS DESCRIBED.—The submerged lands with  
2 respect to which subsection (a) applies are all submerged  
3 lands seaward from the landward boundary of the Outer  
4 Continental Shelf that lie within 125 miles of any point  
5 of the coast line of the State of New Jersey, including  
6 areas with respect to which a moratorium on oil and gas  
7 leasing activities existed before the date of enactment of  
8 this Act.

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