

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1311

To amend the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to modify certain penalties to deter oil spills.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 12, 2015

Mr. MARKEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Oil Spill Deterrent
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PENALTIES FOR DRILLING ON FEDERAL LAND.**

7 Section 109 of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Man-
8 agement Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 1719) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “\$5,000” and
2 inserting “\$100,000”; and

3 (2) in subsection (g), by inserting, “, or, after
4 notice and an opportunity for public comment, by
5 regulation increase” after “reduce”.

6 **SEC. 3. PENALTIES FOR DRILLING ON OUTER CONTI-**
7 **NENTAL SHELF.**

8 Section 24(b)(1) of the Outer Continental Shelf
9 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1350(b)(1)) is amended—

10 (1) in the first sentence by striking “\$20,000”
11 and inserting “\$250,000”; and

12 (2) by adding “After notice and an opportunity
13 for public comment, the Secretary may by regulation
14 increase the penalty specified in this paragraph.”
15 after the period at the end.

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