

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2252

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to place a ten-year moratorium on oil and gas preleasing, leasing, and related activities on the Outer Continental Shelf in the North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, and Straits of Florida planning areas and in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2017

Mr. SANFORD (for himself and Mr. LOBIONDO) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Coastal Economies
5 Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MORATORIUM ON OIL AND GAS PRELEASING, LEAS-**
2 **ING, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES IN CERTAIN**
3 **AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.**

4 Section 18 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
5 (43 U.S.C. 1344) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(i) MORATORIUM ON OIL AND NATURAL GAS
8 PRELEASING, LEASING, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES IN
9 CERTAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—

10 “(1) MORATORIUM.—Effective during the pe-
11 riod beginning on the date of enactment of this sub-
12 section and ending on June 30, 2027, the Secretary
13 shall not offer for leasing, preleasing, or any related
14 activity on the following geographic areas of the
15 outer Continental Shelf:

16 “(A) The North Atlantic planning area.

17 “(B) The Mid-Atlantic planning area.

18 “(C) The South Atlantic planning area.

19 “(D) The Straits of Florida Planning
20 Area.

21 “(E) The area of the Eastern Gulf of Mex-
22 ico described in section 104(a) of the Gulf of
23 Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (title I of
24 division C of Public Law 109–432; 43 U.S.C.
25 1331 note).

1 “(2) LIMITATION ON EFFECT.—Nothing in this
2 subsection affects any right under any lease issued
3 under this Act before the date of the enactment of
4 this subsection.”.

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