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# H. R. 1149

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2019

Mr. VAN DREW (for himself, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. SHALALA, and Mr. MAST) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Atlantic Coastal  
5 Economies Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ISSUING PERMITS UNDER OUTER**  
2 **CONTINENTAL SHELF LANDS ACT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Department of the Interior  
4 may not issue any of the permits described in subsection  
5 (b). Any such permit issued before the date of the enact-  
6 ment of this Act shall have no force or effect.

7 (b) PERMITS DESCRIBED.—The permits referred to  
8 in subsection (a) are the following:

9 (1) A permit under section 11 of the Outer  
10 Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1340) au-  
11 thorizing TGS-NOPEC Geophysical Company to en-  
12 gage in geophysical exploration for mineral resources  
13 (permit application number E14–001).

14 (2) A permit under such section authorizing  
15 Ion/GX Technology Corporation to engage in geo-  
16 physical exploration for mineral resources (permit  
17 application number E14–003).

18 (3) A permit under such section authorizing  
19 WesternGeco LLC to engage in geophysical explo-  
20 ration for mineral resources (permit application  
21 number E14–004).

22 (4) A permit under such section authorizing  
23 CGG Services (US) Inc. to engage in geophysical ex-  
24 ploration for mineral resources (permit application  
25 number E14–005).

1           (5) A permit under such section authorizing  
2           Spectrum Geo Inc. to engage in geophysical explo-  
3           ration for mineral resources (permit application  
4           number E14-006).

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