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TEXT OF H.R. 205, PROTECTING AND SECURING
FLORIDA’S COASTLINE ACT OF 2019

**[Showing the text of H.R. 205, as reported by the Committee
on Natural Resources, with modifications]**

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting and Secur-
3 ing Florida’s Coastline Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM ON**
5 **LEASING IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE GULF**
6 **OF MEXICO.**

7 Section 104(a) of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security
8 Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331 note) is amended by striking
9 “Effective during” and all that follows through “the Sec-
10 retary” and inserting “The Secretary”.

11 **SEC. 3. INSPECTION FEE COLLECTION.**

12 Section 22 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
13 (43 U.S.C. 1348) is amended by adding at the end the
14 following:

15 “(g) INSPECTION FEES.—

16 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of the
17 Interior shall collect from the operators of facilities

1 subject to inspection under subsection (c) non-re-
2 fundable fees for such inspections—

3 “(A) at an aggregate level equal to the
4 amount necessary to offset the annual expenses
5 of inspections of outer Continental Shelf facili-
6 ties (including mobile offshore drilling units) by
7 the Secretary of the Interior; and

8 “(B) using a schedule that reflects the dif-
9 ferences in complexity among the classes of fa-
10 cilities to be inspected.

11 “(2) OCEAN ENERGY SAFETY FUND.—There is
12 established in the Treasury a fund, to be known as
13 the ‘Ocean Energy Safety Fund’ (referred to in this
14 subsection as the ‘Fund’), into which shall be depos-
15 ited all amounts collected as fees under paragraph
16 (1) and which shall be available as provided under
17 paragraph (3).

18 “(3) AVAILABILITY OF FEES.—Notwithstanding
19 section 3302 of title 31, United States Code, all
20 amounts deposited in the Fund—

21 “(A) shall be credited as offsetting collec-
22 tions;

23 “(B) shall be available for expenditure for
24 purposes of carrying out inspections of outer
25 Continental Shelf facilities (including mobile

1 offshore drilling units) and the administration
2 of the inspection program under this section;

3 “(C) shall be available only to the extent
4 provided for in advance in an appropriations
5 Act; and

6 “(D) shall remain available until expended.

7 “(4) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—For each
8 fiscal year beginning after fiscal year 2020, the Sec-
9 retary shall adjust each dollar amount specified in
10 this subsection for inflation based on the change in
11 the Consumer Price Index from fiscal year 2020.

12 “(5) ANNUAL FEES.—Annual fees shall be col-
13 lected under this subsection for facilities that are
14 above the waterline, excluding drilling rigs, and are
15 in place at the start of the fiscal year. Fees for fiscal
16 year 2020 shall be—

17 “(A) \$11,500 for facilities with no wells,
18 but with processing equipment or gathering
19 lines;

20 “(B) \$18,500 for facilities with 1 to 10
21 wells, with any combination of active or inactive
22 wells; and

23 “(C) \$34,500 for facilities with more than
24 10 wells, with any combination of active or in-
25 active wells.

1 “(6) FEES FOR DRILLING RIGS.—Fees shall be
2 collected under this subsection for drilling rigs on a
3 per inspection basis. Fees for fiscal year 2020 shall
4 be—

5 “(A) \$33,500 per inspection for rigs oper-
6 ating in water depths of 500 feet or more; and

7 “(B) \$18,500 per inspection for rigs oper-
8 ating in water depths of less than 500 feet.

9 “(7) FEES FOR NON-RIG UNITS.—Fees shall be
10 collected under this subsection for well operations
11 conducted via non-rig units as outlined in subparts
12 D, E, F, and Q of part 250 of title 30, Code of Fed-
13 eral Regulations, on a per inspection basis. Fees for
14 fiscal year 2020 shall be—

15 “(A) \$13,260 per inspection for non-rig
16 units operating in water depths of 2,500 feet or
17 more;

18 “(B) \$11,530 per inspection for non-rig
19 units operating in water depths between 500
20 and 2,499 feet; and

21 “(C) \$4,470 per inspection for rigs oper-
22 ating in water depths of less than 500 feet.

23 “(8) BILLING.—The Secretary shall bill des-
24 ignated operators under paragraph (5) annually,
25 with payment required within 30 days of billing. The

1 Secretary shall bill designated operators under para-
2 graph (6) within 30 days of the end of the month
3 in which the inspection occurred, with payment re-
4 quired within 30 days after billing.”.

5 **SEC. 4. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

6 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
7 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
8 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
9 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
10 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
11 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-
12 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
13 vote on passage.

