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TEXT OF H.R. 1146, ARCTIC CULTURAL AND COASTAL PLAIN PROTECTION ACT

**[Showing the text of H.R. 1146 as reported by the Committee
on Natural Resources, with modifications]**

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Arctic Cultural and
3 Coastal Plain Protection Act”.

4 SEC. 2. REPEAL OF ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE 5 OIL AND GAS PROGRAM.

6 Section 20001 of Public Law 115-97 (16 U.S.C.
7 3143 note) is hereby repealed.

8 SEC. 3. INSPECTION FEE COLLECTION.

9 Section 22 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
10 (43 U.S.C. 1348) is amended by adding at the end the
11 following:

12 “(g) INSPECTION FEES.—

13 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of the
14 Interior shall collect from the operators of facilities
15 subject to inspection under subsection (c) non-re-
16 fundable fees for such inspections—

17 “(A) at an aggregate level equal to the
18 amount necessary to offset the annual expenses

1 of inspections of outer Continental Shelf facil-
2 ties (including mobile offshore drilling units) by
3 the Secretary of the Interior; and

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

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

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

17 “(A) shall be credited as offsetting collec-
18 tions;

19 “(B) shall be available for expenditure for
20 purposes of carrying out inspections of outer
21 Continental Shelf facilities (including mobile
22 offshore drilling units) and the administration
23 of the inspection program under this section;

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

4 “(D) shall remain available until expended.

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

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

15 “(A) \$23,000 for facilities with no wells,
16 but with processing equipment or gathering
17 lines;

18 “(B) \$37,000 for facilities with 1 to 10
19 wells, with any combination of active or inactive
20 wells; and

21 “(C) \$69,000 for facilities with more than
22 10 wells, with any combination of active or in-
23 active wells.

24 “(6) FEES FOR DRILLING RIGS.—Fees shall be
25 collected under this subsection for drilling rigs on a

1 per inspection basis. Fees for fiscal year 2020 shall
2 be—

3 “(A) \$67,000 per inspection for rigs oper-
4 ating in water depths of 500 feet or more; and
5 “(B) \$37,000 per inspection for rigs oper-
6 ating in water depths of less than 500 feet.

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

13 “(A) \$26,520 per inspection for non-rig
14 units operating in water depths of 2,500 feet or
15 more;

16 “(B) \$23,060 per inspection for non-rig
17 units operating in water depths between 500
18 and 2,499 feet; and

19 “(C) \$8,940 per inspection for rigs oper-
20 ating in water depths of less than 500 feet.

21 “(8) BILLING.—The Secretary shall bill des-
22 ignated operators under paragraph (5) annually,
23 with payment required within 30 days of billing. The
24 Secretary shall bill designated operators under para-
25 graph (6) within 30 days of the end of the month

1 in which the inspection occurred, with payment re-
2 quired within 30 days after billing.”.

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

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

