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TEXT OF H.R. 1941, COASTAL AND MARINE
ECONOMIES PROTECTION ACT

[Showing the text of H.R. 1941, as reported by the Committee
on Natural Resources, with modifications]

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Coastal and Marine
3 Economies Protection Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON LEASING IN CERTAIN PLANNING**
5 **AREAS.**

6 Section 18 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
7 is amended by redesignating subsections (g) and (h) as
8 subsections (h) and (i) respectively, and by inserting after
9 subsection (f) the following:

10 “(g) The Secretary shall not include in any leasing
11 program under this section any area within the Atlantic
12 Region planning areas or the Pacific Region planning
13 areas, as such planning areas are described in the docu-
14 ment entitled ‘Draft Proposed Program Outer Continental
15 Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program 2019–2024’, dated
16 January 2018.”.

1 **SEC. 3. INSPECTION FEE COLLECTION.**

2 Section 22 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
3 (43 U.S.C. 1348) is amended by adding at the end the
4 following:

5 “(g) INSPECTION FEES.—

6 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of the
7 Interior shall collect from the operators of facilities
8 subject to inspection under subsection (c) non-re-
9 fundable fees for such inspections—

10 “(A) at an aggregate level equal to the
11 amount necessary to offset the annual expenses
12 of inspections of outer Continental Shelf facili-
13 ties (including mobile offshore drilling units) by
14 the Secretary of the Interior; and

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

18 “(2) OCEAN ENERGY SAFETY FUND.—There is
19 established in the Treasury a fund, to be known as
20 the ‘Ocean Energy Safety Fund’ (referred to in this
21 subsection as the ‘Fund’), into which shall be depos-
22 ited all amounts collected as fees under paragraph
23 (1) and which shall be available as provided under
24 paragraph (3).

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

4 “(A) shall be credited as offsetting collec-
5 tions;

6 “(B) shall be available for expenditure for
7 purposes of carrying out inspections of outer
8 Continental Shelf facilities (including mobile
9 offshore drilling units) and the administration
10 of the inspection program under this section;

11 “(C) shall be available only to the extent
12 provided for in advance in an appropriations
13 Act; and

14 “(D) shall remain available until expended.

15 “(4) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—For each
16 fiscal year beginning after fiscal year 2020, the Sec-
17 retary shall adjust each dollar amount specified in
18 this subsection for inflation based on the change in
19 the Consumer Price Index from fiscal year 2020.

20 “(5) ANNUAL FEES.—Annual fees shall be col-
21 lected under this subsection for facilities that are
22 above the waterline, excluding drilling rigs, and are
23 in place at the start of the fiscal year. Fees for fiscal
24 year 2020 shall be—

1 “(A) \$11,500 for facilities with no wells,
2 but with processing equipment or gathering
3 lines;

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

7 “(C) \$34,500 for facilities with more than
8 10 wells, with any combination of active or in-
9 active wells.

10 “(6) FEES FOR DRILLING RIGS.—Fees shall be
11 collected under this subsection for drilling rigs on a
12 per inspection basis. Fees for fiscal year 2020 shall
13 be—

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 “(8) BILLING.—The Secretary shall bill des-
10 ignated operators under paragraph (5) annually,
11 with payment required within 30 days of billing. The
12 Secretary shall bill designated operators under para-
13 graph (6) within 30 days of the end of the month
14 in which the inspection occurred, with payment re-
15 quired within 30 days after billing.”.

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

17 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
18 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
19 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
20 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
21 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
22 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-
23 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
24 vote on passage.

