

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1231

AN ACT

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes.

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 “Reversing President
5 Obama’s Offshore Moratorium Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LEASING PROGRAM.**

7 Section 18(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands
8 Act (43 U.S.C. 1344(a)) is amended by adding at the end
9 the following:

10 “(5)(A) In each oil and gas leasing program
11 under this section, the Secretary shall make avail-
12 able for leasing and conduct lease sales including—

13 “(i) at least 50 percent of the available un-
14 leased acreage within each outer Continental
15 Shelf planning area considered to have the larg-
16 est undiscovered, technically recoverable oil and
17 gas resources (on a total btu basis) based upon
18 the most recent national geologic assessment of
19 the outer Continental Shelf, with an emphasis
20 on offering the most geologically prospective
21 parts of the planning area; and

22 “(ii) any State subdivision of an outer
23 Continental Shelf planning area that the Gov-
24 ernor of the State that represents that subdivi-
25 sion requests be made available for leasing.

1 “(B) In this paragraph the term ‘available un-
2 leased acreage’ means that portion of the outer Con-
3 tinental Shelf that is not under lease at the time of
4 a proposed lease sale, and that has not otherwise
5 been made unavailable for leasing by law.

6 “(6)(A) In the 2012–2017 5-year oil and gas
7 leasing program, the Secretary shall make available
8 for leasing any outer Continental Shelf planning
9 areas that—

10 “(i) are estimated to contain more than
11 2,500,000,000 barrels of oil; or

12 “(ii) are estimated to contain more than
13 7,500,000,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

14 “(B) To determine the planning areas described
15 in subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall use the
16 document entitled ‘Minerals Management Service
17 Assessment of Undiscovered Technically Recoverable
18 Oil and Gas Resources of the Nation’s Outer Conti-
19 nental Shelf, 2006’.”.

20 **SEC. 3. DOMESTIC OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION**

21 **GOAL.**

22 Section 18(b) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands
23 Act (43 U.S.C. 1344(b)) is amended to read as follows:

24 “(b) DOMESTIC OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUC-
25 TION GOAL.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In developing a 5-year oil
2 and gas leasing program, and subject to paragraph
3 (2), the Secretary shall determine a domestic stra-
4 tegic production goal for the development of oil and
5 natural gas as a result of that program. Such goal
6 shall be—

7 “(A) the best estimate of the possible in-
8 crease in domestic production of oil and natural
9 gas from the outer Continental Shelf;

10 “(B) focused on meeting domestic demand
11 for oil and natural gas and reducing the de-
12 pendence of the United States on foreign en-
13 ergy; and

14 “(C) focused on the production increases
15 achieved by the leasing program at the end of
16 the 15-year period beginning on the effective
17 date of the program.

18 “(2) 2012–2017 PROGRAM GOAL.—For pur-
19 poses of the 2012–2017 5-year oil and gas leasing
20 program, the production goal referred to in para-
21 graph (1) shall be an increase by 2027 of—

22 “(A) no less than 3,000,000 barrels in the
23 amount of oil produced per day; and

1 “(B) no less than 10,000,000,000 cubic
2 feet in the amount of natural gas produced per
3 day.

4 “(3) REPORTING.—The Secretary shall report
5 annually, beginning at the end of the 5-year period
6 for which the program applies, to the Committee on
7 Natural Resources of the House of Representatives
8 and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
9 sources of the Senate on the progress of the pro-
10 gram in meeting the production goal. The Secretary
11 shall identify in the report projections for production
12 and any problems with leasing, permitting, or pro-
13 duction that will prevent meeting the goal.”.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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