

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3279

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## AN ACT

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide that extraction of helium from gas produced under a Federal mineral lease shall maintain the lease as if the helium were oil and gas.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Helium Extraction Act  
3 of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. MAINTENANCE OF FEDERAL MINERAL LEASES**  
5 **BASED ON EXTRACTION OF HELIUM.**

6       The first section of the Mineral Leasing Act (30  
7 U.S.C. 181) is amended in the fifth paragraph by insert-  
8 ing after “purchaser thereof” the following: “, and that  
9 extraction of helium from gas produced from such lands  
10 shall maintain the lease as if the extracted helium were  
11 oil and gas”.

      Passed the House of Representatives November 1,  
2017.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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