

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 205

AN ACT

To amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to permanently extend the moratorium on leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico.

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 “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. PRODUCTION SAFETY SYSTEMS AND WELL CON-**
12 **TROL.**

13 Subparts D, E, F, G, H, and Q of section 250 of
14 title 30, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on Jan-
15 uary 1, 2018), shall have the same force and effect of law
16 as if such subparts had been enacted by an Act of Con-
17 gress.

18 **SEC. 4. INSPECTION FEE COLLECTION.**

19 Section 22 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
20 (43 U.S.C. 1348) is amended by adding at the end the
21 following:

22 “(g) **INSPECTION FEES.**—

23 “(1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of the
24 Interior shall collect from the operators of facilities
25 subject to inspection under subsection (c) non-re-
26 fundable fees for such inspections—

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

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

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

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

19 “(A) shall be credited as offsetting collec-
20 tions;

21 “(B) shall be available for expenditure for
22 purposes of carrying out inspections of outer
23 Continental Shelf facilities (including mobile
24 offshore drilling units) and the administration
25 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) \$11,500 for facilities with no wells,
16 but with processing equipment or gathering
17 lines;

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

21 “(C) \$34,500 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) \$33,500 per inspection for rigs oper-
4 ating in water depths of 500 feet or more; and

5 “(B) \$18,500 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) \$13,260 per inspection for non-rig
14 units operating in water depths of 2,500 feet or
15 more;

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

19 “(C) \$4,470 per inspection for non-rig
20 units operating in water depths of less than 500
21 feet.

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

1 graph (6) within 30 days of the end of the month
2 in which the inspection occurred, with payment re-
3 quired within 30 days after billing.”.

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

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

13 **SEC. 6. STUDY ON BSEE OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS OPER-**
14 **ATIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM.**

15 The Secretary of the Interior shall contract with the
16 National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medi-
17 cine to complete, not later than 21 months after the date
18 of the enactment of this Act, the study entitled “Review
19 and Update of Bureau of Safety and Environmental En-
20 forcement Offshore Oil and Gas Operations Inspection
21 Program” that the Secretary of the Interior had pre-

1 viously contracted with the National Academies of
2 Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to complete.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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