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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Resources

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

Reported by Mr. LEE, without amendment

AN ACT

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to extend the period of time during which the Secretary of the Interior is required to collect a fee for each new application for a permit to drill, 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 “License to Drill Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. BLM OIL AND GAS PERMIT PROCESSING FEE.**

6 Section 35(d) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.
7 191(d)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “2026” and
2 inserting “2037”;

3 (2) in paragraph (3)—

4 (A) by striking “Of the fees collected
5 under this subsection for a fiscal year, the” and
6 inserting “The”; and

7 (B) by striking “transfer—” and all that
8 follows through “the Fund” and inserting
9 “transfer, for each of fiscal years 2027 through
10 2037, all of the fees collected under this sub-
11 section for each such fiscal year to the BLM
12 Permit Processing Improvement Fund”; and

13 (3) in paragraph (4), by striking “2026” and
14 inserting “2037”.

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