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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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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 “Additional Safeguards
5 For Lease and Development of Non-Excess Property of
6 Military Departments Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LEASE AND DEVELOPMENT OF NON-EXCESS PROP-**
2 **ERTY OF MILITARY DEPARTMENTS LOCATED**
3 **IN AREAS DESIGNATED UBC SEISMIC ZONE 4.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION ON LEASE IN CERTAIN SEISMIC
5 AREAS; EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (j) of section 2667 of
6 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “This section”;
8 and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraph:

11 “(2)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the
12 Secretary concerned may not enter into a lease under this
13 section regarding any land that is located in an area des-
14 ignated UBC Seismic Zone 4.

15 “(B) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Secretary
16 concerned may enter into the lease if the Secretary deter-
17 mines that seismic activity would not have any significant
18 impact on any portion of the proposed development under
19 the lease. The determination of the Secretary may only
20 be made on the record after an opportunity for a hearing.
21 In the hearing, admissible seismic evidence shall be limited
22 to geotechnical investigations that are not more than three
23 years old. The Secretary may commission geotechnical in-
24 vestigations in connection with the hearing, but such in-
25 vestigations must be conducted using the best technology
26 then available.

1 “(C) The Secretary concerned may not omit a revoca-
2 tion provision from a lease authorized by subparagraph
3 (B).”.

4 (b) REVOCATION OF EXISTING LEASES.—

5 (1) REVOCATION REQUIRED.—Except as pro-
6 vided in paragraph (2), the Secretary of a military
7 department shall revoke any lease entered into be-
8 fore the date of the enactment of this Act by the
9 Secretary under the authority of section 2667 of
10 title 10, United States Code, or other provision of
11 law, including section 2732 of the National Defense
12 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1987 (Public Law
13 99–661; 100 Stat. 4046), if the land subject to the
14 lease is located in an area designated UBC Seismic
15 Zone 4. The revocation shall occur even in the case
16 of a lease that does not include a revocation provi-
17 sion.

18 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) shall not
19 apply to a lease—

20 (A) under which substantial construction,
21 as determined by the Secretary concerned, on
22 the property subject to the lease has been com-
23 menced before the date of the enactment of this
24 Act; or

1 (B) that the Secretary concerned deter-
2 mines, pursuant to paragraph (2)(B) of section
3 2667(j) of title 10, United States Code, as
4 added by subsection (a), should not be revoked.

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