

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1696

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic and North Atlantic planning areas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 24, 2009

Mr. PALLONE (for himself, Mr. SIRES, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Clean Ocean and Safe
5 Tourism Anti-Drilling Act” or the “COAST Anti-Drilling
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN CER-**
2 **TAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL**
3 **SHELF.**

4 Section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
5 (43 U.S.C. 1337) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(p) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN
8 CERTAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—
9 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or any
10 other law, the Secretary of the Interior shall not issue a
11 lease for the exploration, development, or production of
12 oil, natural gas, or any other mineral in—

13 “(1) the Mid-Atlantic planning area; or

14 “(2) the North Atlantic planning area.”.

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