

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5846

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require the chief executive officer of each drilling and production operation under a lease under that Act to annually certify the operator's compliance with all applicable laws and operating regulations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2010

Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mrs. CAPPS) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CEO ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REGARDING OFF-**
2 **SHORE DRILLING AND PRODUCTION OPER-**
3 **ATION.**

4 Section 22 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
5 (43 U.S.C. 1348) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(g) CEO ANNUAL CERTIFICATION.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The operator of each drill-
9 ing and production operation under a lease under
10 this Act shall annually submit to the Secretary a
11 general statement by the operator’s chief executive
12 officer that certifies to the operator’s compliance
13 with all applicable laws and operating regulations.

14 “(2) REQUIRED STATEMENTS.—Each certifi-
15 cation under paragraph (1) shall include, but not be
16 limited to, statements that the chief executive offi-
17 cer—

18 “(A) has reviewed the exploration plans
19 and production plans submitted to the Sec-
20 retary with regard to the demonstrated capa-
21 bility and technology to respond immediately
22 and effectively to a worst case oil spill in real
23 world conditions; and

24 “(B) certifies that each such plan, based
25 upon the chief executive officer’s knowledge, is

1 an accurate and effective response to a worst
2 case oil spill in real-world conditions.

3 “(3) CIVIL PENALTY.—Any chief executive offi-
4 cer who fails to comply with paragraphs (1) and (2)
5 shall be liable for a civil penalty under section 24.”.

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