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S. 598

To prohibit royalty incentives for deepwater drilling, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 18, 2013

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. NELSON) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
ural Resources

A BILL

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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 “Deepwater Drilling
5 Royalty Relief Prohibition Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ROYALTY INCENTIVES FOR DEEP-**
7 **WATER DRILLING.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
9 sion of law, the Secretary of the Interior shall not issue
10 any oil or gas lease sale under the Outer Continental Shelf

1 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.) with royalty-based
 2 incentives in any tract located in water depths of 400 me-
 3 ters or more on the outer Continental Shelf.

4 (b) ROYALTY RELIEF FOR DEEPWATER PRODUC-
 5 TION.—Section 345 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42
 6 U.S.C. 15905) is repealed.

7 (c) ROYALTY RELIEF.—Section 8(a)(3) of the Outer
 8 Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(3)) is
 9 amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(D) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding
 11 subparagraphs (A) through (C) or any other
 12 provision of law, the Secretary shall not reduce
 13 or eliminate any royalty or net profit share for
 14 any lease or unit located in water depths of 400
 15 meters or more on the outer Continental
 16 Shelf.”.

17 (d) APPLICATION.—This section and the amend-
 18 ments made by this section—

19 (1) apply beginning with the first lease sale
 20 held on or after the date of enactment of this Act
 21 for which a final notice of sale has not been pub-
 22 lished as of that date; and

23 (2) do not apply to a lease in effect on the date
 24 of enactment of this Act.

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