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AN ACT

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide that extraction
of helium from gas produced under a Federal mineral
lease shall maintain the lease as if the helium were
oil and gas.

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 “Helium Extraction Act
5 of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. MAINTENANCE OF FEDERAL MINERAL LEASES**
2 **BASED ON EXTRACTION OF HELIUM.**

3 The first section of the Mineral Leasing Act (30
4 U.S.C. 181) is amended in the fifth paragraph by insert-
5 ing after “purchaser thereof” the following: “, and that
6 extraction of helium from gas produced from such lands
7 shall maintain the lease as if the extracted helium were
8 oil and gas”.

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