

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4774

To prohibit oil and gas leasing on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast  
of New England.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 11, 2018

Mr. CICILLINE (for himself, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. ESTY of Connecticut, Mr. HIMES, Mr. KEATING, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. NEAL, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. POLIQUIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To prohibit oil and gas leasing on the outer Continental  
Shelf off the coast of New England.

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 “New England Coastal  
5 Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING ON THE**  
2 **OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OFF THE COAST**  
3 **OF NEW ENGLAND.**

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 “(q) 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 may not issue a lease for the ex-  
11 ploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas  
12 in any area of the outer Continental Shelf off the coast  
13 of the State of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts,  
14 Rhode Island, or Connecticut.”.

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