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H. R. 6771

[Report No. 115–1083]

To amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. BYRNE, and Mr. BABIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 19, 2018

Additional sponsors: Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. HARPER, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on September 12, 2018]

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 “Domestic Offshore En-*
 5 *ergy Reinvestment Act of 2018”.*

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE GULF OF MEXICO ENERGY**
 7 **SECURITY ACT OF 2006.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 105(a) of the Gulf of Mex-*
 9 *ico Energy Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331 note) is*
 10 *amended—*

11 *(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “50” and in-*
 12 *serting “37.5”; and*

13 *(2) in paragraph (2)—*

14 *(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph*
 15 *(A), by striking “50” and inserting “62.5”;*

16 *(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “75”*
 17 *and inserting “80”; and*

18 *(C) in subparagraph (B), by striking “25”*
 19 *and inserting “20”.*

20 *(b) LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORIZED USES.—Section*
 21 *105(d) of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006*
 22 *(43 U.S.C. 1331 note) is amended—*

23 *(1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the*
 24 *following:*

1 “(F) *Planning, engineering, design, con-*
 2 *struction, operations, and maintenance of one or*
 3 *more projects that are specifically authorized by*
 4 *any other Act for ecosystem restoration, hurri-*
 5 *cane protection, or flood damage prevention.”;*
 6 *and*

7 *(2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the*
 8 *following:*

9 “(2) *LIMITATION.—Of the amounts received by a*
 10 *Gulf producing State or coastal political subdivision*
 11 *under subsection (b)—*

12 “(A) *not more than 3 percent may be used*
 13 *for the purposes described in paragraph (1)(E);*
 14 *and*

15 “(B) *not less than 25 percent may be used*
 16 *for the purposes described in paragraph (1)(F),*
 17 *and shall be applied proportionally to the appli-*
 18 *cable Federal and non-Federal share pursuant to*
 19 *such specific project authorization.”.*

20 (c) *REPEAL OF LIMITATION.—Section 105(f) of the*
 21 *Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C.*
 22 *1331 note) is amended—*

23 (1) *by striking paragraph (1); and*

24 (2) *by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as*
 25 *paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively.*

1 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE TO STATES OF PROPERTY INTEREST**
 2 **IN STATE SHARE OF ROYALTIES AND OTHER**
 3 **PAYMENTS.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 35 of the Mineral Leasing
 5 Act (30 U.S.C. 191) is amended—

6 (1) *in the first sentence of subsection (a), by*
 7 *striking “shall be paid into the Treasury” and insert-*
 8 *ing “shall, except as provided in subsection (b), be*
 9 *paid into the Treasury”;*

10 (2) *by striking subsection (b) and inserting the*
 11 *following:*

12 “(b) *CONVEYANCE TO STATES OF PROPERTY INTEREST*
 13 *IN STATE SHARE.*—

14 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Notwithstanding any other
 15 provision of law, on request of a State and in lieu of
 16 any payments to the State under subsection (a), the
 17 Secretary of the Interior shall convey to the State all
 18 right, title, and interest in and to the percentage spec-
 19 ified in that subsection for that State of all amounts
 20 otherwise required to be paid into the Treasury under
 21 that subsection from sales, bonuses, royalties (includ-
 22 ing interest charges), and rentals for all public land
 23 or deposits located in the State.

24 “(2) *AMOUNT.*—Notwithstanding any other pro-
 25 vision of law, after a conveyance to a State under
 26 paragraph (1), any person shall pay directly to the

1 *State any amount owed by the person for which the*
 2 *right, title, and interest has been conveyed to the*
 3 *State under this subsection.*

4 “(3) *NOTICE.*—*The Secretary of the Interior*
 5 *shall promptly provide to each holder of a lease of*
 6 *public land to which subsection (a) applies that are*
 7 *located in a State to which right, title, and interest*
 8 *is conveyed under this subsection notice that—*

9 “(A) *the Secretary of the Interior has con-*
 10 *veyed to the State all right, title, and interest in*
 11 *and to the amounts referred to in paragraph (1);*
 12 *and*

13 “(B) *the leaseholder is required to pay the*
 14 *amounts directly to the State.”; and*

15 (3) *in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “and except*
 16 *as provided in subsection (b)” before “, any rentals”.*

17 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—

18 (1) *Section 6(a) of the Mineral Leasing Act for*
 19 *Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. 355(a)) is amended—*

20 (A) *in the first sentence, by striking “Sub-*
 21 *ject to the provisions of section 35(b) of the Min-*
 22 *eral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191(b)), all” and in-*
 23 *serting “All”; and*

24 (B) *in the second sentence, by striking “of*
 25 *the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 450; 30*

1 *U.S.C. 191)” and inserting “of the Mineral*
2 *Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191)”.*

3 *(2) Section 20(a) of the Geothermal Steam Act*
4 *of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1019(a)) is amended in the matter*
5 *preceding paragraph (1), in the second sentence, by*
6 *striking “the provisions of subsection (b) of section 35*
7 *of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191(b)) and”.*

8 *(3) Section 205(f) of the Federal Oil and Gas*
9 *Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 1735(f))*
10 *is amended by striking the fourth, fifth, and sixth*
11 *sentences.*

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