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H. R. 7201

To amend title 35, United States Code, to include the exclusive economic zone as part of the United States for patent infringement, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 29, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Texas (for himself, Mr. OLSON, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, and Mr. CUELLAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. PATENT INFRINGEMENT IN EXCLUSIVE ECO-**
4 **NOMIC ZONE OF THE UNITED STATES.**

5 (a) AMENDMENT.—Chapter 10 of title 35, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 106. Inventions in the exclusive economic zone**

2 “Any act occurring on or below the waters of the ex-
3 clusive economic zone of the United States established by
4 Presidential Proclamation 5030 of March 10, 1983 (16
5 U.S.C. 1453 note), including activity on the seabed of such
6 zone, that is related to the economic exploitation of, or
7 exploration for, natural resources or marine scientific re-
8 search shall be considered an act occurring within the
9 United States for the purposes of section 271.”.

10 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

11 The table of sections for chapter 10 of title 35, United
12 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing new item:

“106. Inventions in the exclusive economic zone.”.

