

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7831

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 3, 2026

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to extend the period of time during which the Secretary of the Interior is required to collect a fee for each new application for a permit to drill, and 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “License to Drill Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. BLM OIL AND GAS PERMIT PROCESSING FEE.**

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

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “2026” and
7 inserting “2037”;

8 (2) in paragraph (3)—

9 (A) by striking “Of the fees collected
10 under this subsection for a fiscal year, the” and
11 inserting “The”; and

12 (B) by striking “transfer—” and all that
13 follows through “the Fund” and inserting
14 “transfer, for each of fiscal years 2027 through
15 2037, all of the fees collected under this sub-
16 section for each such fiscal year to the BLM
17 Permit Processing Improvement Fund”; and

18 (3) in paragraph (4), by striking “2026” and
19 inserting “2037”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 2, 2026.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.