

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1443

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas preleasing, leasing, and related activities in certain areas of the Outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Florida, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2023

Ms. CASTOR of Florida (for herself, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. SOTO, Mr. FROST, Mr. MCCORMICK, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Florida Coastal Protec-
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS**
2 **PRELEASING, LEASING, AND RELATED AC-**
3 **TIVITIES IN CERTAIN AREAS OFF THE COAST**
4 **OF FLORIDA.**

5 Section 18 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
6 (43 U.S.C. 1344) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “(j) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS
9 PRELEASING, LEASING, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES IN
10 CERTAIN AREAS OFF THE COAST OF FLORIDA.—

11 “(1) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other
12 provision of this section or any other law, the Sec-
13 retary may not offer for oil and gas leasing,
14 preleasing, or any related activity any tract located
15 in—

16 “(A) any area of the Eastern Gulf of Mex-
17 ico that is referred to in section 104(a) of the
18 Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006;

19 “(B) the portion of the South Atlantic
20 Planning Area south of 30 degrees 43 minutes
21 North Latitude; or

22 “(C) the Straits of Florida Planning Area.

23 “(2) LIMITATION ON EFFECT.—Nothing in this
24 subsection affects any right under any lease issued

1 under this Act before the date of enactment of this
2 subsection.”.

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