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To ban hydraulic fracturing on land owned by the United States and leased to a third party, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POCAN (for himself, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. NADLER, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. NORTON) 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 “Protect Our Public
5 Lands Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING UNDER**
7 **FEDERAL LEASES.**

8 The Mineral Leasing Act is amended by inserting
9 after section 37 (30 U.S.C. 193) the following:

1 **“SEC. 38. NO HYDRAULIC FRACTURING ON LEASED LAND.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Any lease issued, renewed, or re-
3 adjusted under this Act shall prohibit the lessee from con-
4 ducting any activity under the lease for the purpose of
5 hydraulic fracturing.

6 “(b) DEFINITION OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING.—In
7 this section, the term ‘hydraulic fracturing’ means an op-
8 eration conducted in an individual wellbore designed to in-
9 crease the flow of hydrocarbons from a rock formation to
10 the wellbore through modifying the permeability of res-
11 ervoir rock by fracturing it, except that such term does
12 not include enhanced secondary recovery, including water
13 flooding, tertiary recovery, and other types of well stimula-
14 tion operations.”.

15 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION.**

16 The amendment made by section 2 shall not apply
17 to a lease in effect on the date of the enactment of this
18 Act until the renewal or adjustment of the lease.

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