

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To prohibit oil and natural gas exploration, development, and production in certain areas of the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. MOODY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “American Shores Pro-
5 tection Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that Congress supports
8 the withdrawal of areas of the outer Continental Shelf de-

1 scribed in the Presidential memorandum entitled “Memo-
2 randum on Withdrawal of Certain Areas of the United
3 States Outer Continental Shelf From Leasing Disposi-
4 tion” and dated September 8, 2020.

5 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS EXPLO-**
6 **RATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION**
7 **IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTI-**
8 **NENTAL SHELF OFF THE COAST OF FLORIDA,**
9 **GEORGIA, AND SOUTH CAROLINA.**

10 Section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
11 (43 U.S.C. 1337) is amended by adding at the end the
12 following:

13 “(q) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS EX-
14 PLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION IN CER-
15 TAIN AREAS OFF THE COAST OF FLORIDA, GEORGIA, AND
16 SOUTH CAROLINA.—

17 “(1) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other
18 provision of this section or any other law, beginning
19 on the date of enactment of this subsection and end-
20 ing on June 30, 2032, the Secretary may not issue
21 a lease or any other authorization for the exploration
22 for, or development or production of, oil or natural
23 gas in—

24 “(A) any area of the Eastern Gulf of Mex-
25 ico that is referred to in section 104(a) of the

1 Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006
2 (43 U.S.C. 1331 note; Public Law 109–432);

3 “(B) the South Atlantic Planning Area, as
4 depicted in the 2024–2029 National Outer Con-
5 tinental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed
6 Final Program published on September 29,
7 2023, by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Manage-
8 ment (as announced in the notice of availability
9 of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
10 entitled ‘Notice of Availability of the 2024–
11 2029 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and
12 Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program and
13 Final Programmatic Environmental Impact
14 Statement’ (88 Fed. Reg. 67798 (October 2,
15 2023)))”; or

16 “(C) the Straits of Florida Planning Area,
17 as depicted in the 2024–2029 National Outer
18 Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Pro-
19 posed Final Program published on September
20 29, 2023, by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Man-
21 agement (as announced in the notice of avail-
22 ability of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Manage-
23 ment entitled ‘Notice of Availability of the
24 2024–2029 National Outer Continental Shelf
25 Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program

1 and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact
2 Statement’ (88 Fed. Reg. 67798 (October 2,
3 2023))).

4 “(2) LIMITATION ON EFFECT.—Nothing in this
5 subsection affects any right under any lease issued
6 under this Act before the date of enactment of this
7 subsection.”.