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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and natural gas exploration, development, and production in certain areas of the Outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Florida, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. CASTOR of Florida introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Florida Coastal Protec-
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS EXPLO-**
2 **RATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION**
3 **IN CERTAIN AREAS OFF THE COAST OF FLOR-**
4 **IDA.**

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 EX-
9 PLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION IN CER-
10 TAIN 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 shall not issue a lease or any other authoriza-
14 tion for the exploration, development, or production
15 of oil or natural gas 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, as such planning area is de-
21 picted in the 2024-2029 National Outer Conti-
22 nental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed
23 Final Program (September 2023), south of 30
24 degrees 43 minutes North Latitude; or

25 “(C) the Straits of Florida Planning Area,
26 as such planning area is depicted in the 2024-

1 2029 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and
2 Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program (Sep-
3 tember 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.”.