

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2292

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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 10, 2018

Mr. NELSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “(i) 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 preleasing or
 14 leasing, 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 (43 U.S.C. 1331 note);

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

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

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

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

