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**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116–31**  
**TEXT OF H.R. 1941, COASTAL AND MARINE**  
**ECONOMIES PROTECTION ACT**

[Showing the text of H.R. 1941, as reported by the Committee  
on Natural Resources, with modifications]

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Coastal and Marine  
3 Economies Protection Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON LEASING IN CERTAIN PLANNING**  
5                   **AREAS.**

6       Section 18 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act  
7 is amended by redesignating subsections (g) and (h) as  
8 subsections (h) and (i) respectively, and by inserting after  
9 subsection (f) the following:

10       “(g) The Secretary shall not include in any leasing  
11 program under this section any area within the Atlantic  
12 Region planning areas or the Pacific Region planning  
13 areas, as such planning areas are described in the docu-  
14 ment entitled ‘Draft Proposed Program Outer Continental  
15 Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program 2019–2024’, dated  
16 January 2018.”.

1 **SEC. 3. INSPECTION FEE COLLECTION.**

2 Section 22 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act  
3 (43 U.S.C. 1348) is amended by adding at the end the  
4 following:

5 “(g) INSPECTION FEES.—

6 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of the  
7 Interior shall collect from the operators of facilities  
8 subject to inspection under subsection (c) non-re-  
9 fundable fees for such inspections—

10 “(A) at an aggregate level equal to the  
11 amount necessary to offset the annual expenses  
12 of inspections of outer Continental Shelf facili-  
13 ties (including mobile offshore drilling units) by  
14 the Secretary of the Interior; and

15 “(B) using a schedule that reflects the dif-  
16 ferences in complexity among the classes of fa-  
17 cilities to be inspected.

18 “(2) OCEAN ENERGY SAFETY FUND.—There is  
19 established in the Treasury a fund, to be known as  
20 the ‘Ocean Energy Safety Fund’ (referred to in this  
21 subsection as the ‘Fund’), into which shall be depos-  
22 ited all amounts collected as fees under paragraph  
23 (1) and which shall be available as provided under  
24 paragraph (3).

1           “(3) AVAILABILITY OF FEES.—Notwithstanding  
2           section 3302 of title 31, United States Code, all  
3           amounts deposited in the Fund—

4                   “(A) shall be credited as offsetting collec-  
5                   tions;

6                   “(B) shall be available for expenditure for  
7                   purposes of carrying out inspections of outer  
8                   Continental Shelf facilities (including mobile  
9                   offshore drilling units) and the administration  
10                  of the inspection program under this section;

11                  “(C) shall be available only to the extent  
12                  provided for in advance in an appropriations  
13                  Act; and

14                  “(D) shall remain available until expended.

15           “(4) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—For each  
16           fiscal year beginning after fiscal year 2020, the Sec-  
17           retary shall adjust each dollar amount specified in  
18           this subsection for inflation based on the change in  
19           the Consumer Price Index from fiscal year 2020.

20           “(5) ANNUAL FEES.—Annual fees shall be col-  
21           lected under this subsection for facilities that are  
22           above the waterline, excluding drilling rigs, and are  
23           in place at the start of the fiscal year. Fees for fiscal  
24           year 2020 shall be—

1           “(A) \$11,500 for facilities with no wells,  
2           but with processing equipment or gathering  
3           lines;

4           “(B) \$18,500 for facilities with 1 to 10  
5           wells, with any combination of active or inactive  
6           wells; and

7           “(C) \$34,500 for facilities with more than  
8           10 wells, with any combination of active or in-  
9           active wells.

10          “(6) FEES FOR DRILLING RIGS.—Fees shall be  
11          collected under this subsection for drilling rigs on a  
12          per inspection basis. Fees for fiscal year 2020 shall  
13          be—

14                 “(A) \$33,500 per inspection for rigs oper-  
15                 ating in water depths of 500 feet or more; and

16                 “(B) \$18,500 per inspection for rigs oper-  
17                 ating in water depths of less than 500 feet.

18          “(7) FEES FOR NON-RIG UNITS.—Fees shall be  
19          collected under this subsection for well operations  
20          conducted via non-rig units as outlined in subparts  
21          D, E, F, and Q of part 250 of title 30, Code of Fed-  
22          eral Regulations, on a per inspection basis. Fees for  
23          fiscal year 2020 shall be—

1           “(A) \$13,260 per inspection for non-rig  
2           units operating in water depths of 2,500 feet or  
3           more;

4           “(B) \$11,530 per inspection for non-rig  
5           units operating in water depths between 500  
6           and 2,499 feet; and

7           “(C) \$4,470 per inspection for rigs oper-  
8           ating in water depths of less than 500 feet.

9           “(8) BILLING.—The Secretary shall bill des-  
10          ignated operators under paragraph (5) annually,  
11          with payment required within 30 days of billing. The  
12          Secretary shall bill designated operators under para-  
13          graph (6) within 30 days of the end of the month  
14          in which the inspection occurred, with payment re-  
15          quired within 30 days after billing.”.

16 **SEC. 4. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

17          The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of  
18          complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,  
19          shall be determined by reference to the latest statement  
20          titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this  
21          Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record  
22          by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-  
23          vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the  
24          vote on passage.

