

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3053

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas leasing in the Southern California planning area.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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 Coasts and  
5 Oceans Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN THE**  
7 **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PLANNING AREA.**

8 Section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act  
9 (43 U.S.C. 1337) is amended by adding at the end the  
10 following:

1       “(q) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN THE  
2 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PLANNING AREA.—Notwith-  
3 standing any other provision of this section or any other  
4 law, the Secretary of the Interior may not issue a lease  
5 for the exploration, development, or production of oil or  
6 natural gas in the Southern California planning area, as  
7 such planning area is described in the document entitled  
8 ‘2019–2024 National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Draft  
9 Proposed Program’, dated January 2018, or a subsequent  
10 oil and gas leasing program developed under section 18  
11 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.  
12 1344).”.

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