118TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H.R. 7377

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 to improve the management of royalties from oil and gas leases, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- ${\it 2\ tives\ of\ the\ United\ States\ of\ America\ in\ Congress\ assembled},$

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- This Act may be cited as the "Royalty Resiliency
- 3 Act".
- 4 SEC. 2. DETERMINATION OF ALLOCATIONS OF PRODUC-
- 5 TION FOR UNITS AND COMMUNITIZATION
- 6 AGREEMENTS.
- 7 Section 111(j) of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty
- 8 Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 1721(j)), as amend-
- 9 ed by the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and
- 10 Fairness Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–185), is amended
- 11 to read as follows:
- 12 "(j) The Secretary shall issue all determinations of
- 13 allocations of production for units and communitization
- 14 agreements within 120 days of a request for determina-
- 15 tion. Until the Secretary issues the determination, the les-
- 16 see or its designee of a lease in a unit or communitization
- 17 agreement shall report and pay royalties on oil and gas
- 18 production for each production month in accordance with
- 19 the terms of the proposed allocation of production for the
- 20 unit or communitization agreement. After the Secretary
- 21 issues the determination, the lessee or its designee shall,
- 22 as necessary, correct such reports and the amount of roy-
- 23 alties paid on oil and gas production under the unit or
- 24 communitization agreement by not later than the end of
- 25 the third month following the month in which the lessee
- 26 or its designee receives the determination from the Sec-

- 1 retary. Subject to the full and timely monthly payment
- 2 of royalties to all parties in accordance with the terms of
- 3 the proposed allocation of production for the unit or
- 4 communitization agreement, the Secretary shall waive in-
- 5 terest due on obligations subject to the determination until
- 6 the end of the third month following the month in which
- 7 the lessee or its designee receives the determination from
- 8 the Secretary. This subsection shall not apply to unit or
- 9 communization agreements containing Indian lands.".

Passed the House of Representatives July 22, 2024. Attest:

Clerk.

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