

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1851

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, North Atlantic, and Straits of Florida planning areas.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 26, 2021

Mr. MENENDEZ 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 “Clean Ocean And Safe
5 Tourism Anti-Drilling Act” or the “COAST Anti-Drilling
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN CER-**
2 **TAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL**
3 **SHELF.**

4 Section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
5 (43 U.S.C. 1337) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(q) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN
8 CERTAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—
9 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or any
10 other law, the Secretary of the Interior shall not issue a
11 lease or any other authorization for the exploration, devel-
12 opment, or production of oil, natural gas, or any other
13 mineral in—

14 “(1) the Mid-Atlantic planning area;

15 “(2) the South Atlantic planning area;

16 “(3) the North Atlantic planning area; or

17 “(4) the Straits of Florida planning area.”.

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