

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 245

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act and the Energy Policy Act of 1992
to repeal provisions relating only to the Allegheny National Forest.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, and Mr. MEUSER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Cooperative Manage-
5 ment of Mineral Rights Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ALLE-**
7 **GHENY NATIONAL FOREST.**

8 (a) REPEAL.—Subsection (o) of section 17 of the
9 Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 226) and section 2508

1 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–486;
2 106 Stat. 3108) are repealed.

3 (b) NOTICE REQUIREMENT NOT AFFECTED.—Noth-
4 ing in this Act shall be construed or interpreted—

5 (1) to limit, modify, or otherwise affect the ex-
6 isting requirement to provide in writing 60-day ad-
7 vance notice of specific activities in accordance with
8 the order dated December 16, 1980, in the case
9 United States of America v. Minard Run Oil Com-
10 pany, 1980 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 9570 (W.D. Pa., Dec.
11 16, 1980); or

12 (2) to limit existing authority of the Forest
13 Service under provisions of law codified in section
14 551 of title 16, United States Code.

15 (c) PERMITTING AUTHORITY NOT AFFECTED.—
16 Nothing in this Act shall be construed or interpreted to
17 alter, repeal, or otherwise limit the existing authority of
18 the Forest Service to permit the harvest or sale of timber
19 derived from the Allegheny National Forest.

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