

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2131

To amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to require payments to Gulf producing States and their coastal political subdivisions to compensate for reductions in other payments under that Act resulting from the moratorium on new oil and natural gas leases in offshore waters under Executive Order 14008 of January 27, 2021.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2021

Mr. CARL (for himself, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. GUEST, and Mr. SCALISE) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Gulf Conservation and
3 Recreation Funding Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PAYMENTS TO GULF PRODUCING STATES AND**
5 **COASTAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO COM-**
6 **PENSATE FOR REDUCTIONS IN PAYMENTS**
7 **RESULTING FROM MORATORIUM ON NEW**
8 **OFFSHORE OIL AND NATURAL GAS LEASES.**

9 Section 105(b) of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security
10 Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331 note) is amended by adding
11 at the end the following:

12 “(4) PAYMENTS TO GULF PRODUCING STATES
13 TO COMPENSATE FOR REDUCTIONS IN OTHER PAY-
14 MENTS RESULTING FROM MORATORIUM ON NEW
15 LEASES.—In addition to the other payments re-
16 quired by this subsection, during the effective period
17 of the moratorium on new oil and natural gas leases
18 in offshore waters under Executive Order 14008 of
19 January 27, 2021, the Secretary shall pay to each
20 Gulf producing State and each coastal political sub-
21 division each fiscal year an amount equal to the dif-
22 ference between the amount of such other payments
23 for the fiscal year to the State or subdivision, re-
24 spectively, and the average annual amount of such
25 other payments to the State or subdivision, respec-

1 tively, for fiscal years after fiscal year 2017 and up
2 to fiscal year 2020.”.

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