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116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To prohibit the Department of the Interior from issuing certain geological and geophysical exploration permits under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. VAN DREW (for himself and Mr. RUTHERFORD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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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 “Atlantic Coastal  
5 Economies Protection Act”.

1   **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ISSUING PERMITS UNDER OUTER**  
2                   **CONTINENTAL SHELF LANDS ACT.**

3           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Department of the Interior  
4   may not issue any of the permits described in subsection  
5   (b). Any such permit issued before the date of the enact-  
6   ment of this Act shall have no force or effect.

7           (b) PERMITS DESCRIBED.—The permits referred to  
8   in subsection (a) are the following:

9               (1) A permit under section 11 of the Outer  
10   Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1340) au-  
11   thorizing TGS-NOPEC Geophysical Company to en-  
12   gage in geophysical exploration for mineral resources  
13   (permit application number E14–001).

14              (2) A permit under such section authorizing  
15   Ion/GX Technology Corporation to engage in geo-  
16   physical exploration for mineral resources (permit  
17   application number E14–003).

18              (3) A permit under such section authorizing  
19   WesternGeco LLC to engage in geophysical explo-  
20   ration for mineral resources (permit application  
21   number E14–004).

22              (4) A permit under such section authorizing  
23   CGG Services (US) Inc. to engage in geophysical ex-  
24   ploration for mineral resources (permit application  
25   number E14–005).

1           (5) A permit under such section authorizing  
2       Spectrum Geo Inc. to engage in geophysical explo-  
3       ration for mineral resources (permit application  
4       number E14-006).