

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT FOR
H.R. 6395
OFFERED BY MR. GAETZ OF FLORIDA**

At the end of title 17, add the following:

1 **Subtitle _____—Protecting and**
2 **Securing Florida’s Coastline**

3 **SEC. ____ . PERMANENT EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM ON**
4 **LEASING IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE GULF**
5 **OF MEXICO.**

6 Section 104(a) of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security
7 Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331 note) is amended by striking
8 “Effective during” and all that follows through “the Sec-
9 retary” and inserting “The Secretary”.

10 **SEC. ____ . PRODUCTION SAFETY SYSTEMS AND WELL CON-**
11 **TROL.**

12 Subparts D, E, F, G, H, and Q of section 250 of
13 title 30, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on Jan-
14 uary 1, 2018), shall have the same force and effect of law
15 as if such subparts had been enacted by an Act of Con-
16 gress.

1 **SEC. ____.** **INSPECTION FEE COLLECTION.**

2 Section 22 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
3 (43 U.S.C. 1348) is amended by adding at the end the
4 following:

5 “(g) **INSPECTION FEES.**—

6 “(1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of the
7 Interior shall collect from the operators of facilities
8 subject to inspection under subsection (c) non-re-
9 fundable fees for such inspections—

10 “(A) at an aggregate level equal to the
11 amount necessary to offset the annual expenses
12 of inspections of outer Continental Shelf facili-
13 ties (including mobile offshore drilling units) by
14 the Secretary of the Interior; and

15 “(B) using a schedule that reflects the dif-
16 ferences in complexity among the classes of fa-
17 cilities to be inspected.

18 “(2) **OCEAN ENERGY SAFETY FUND.**—There is
19 established in the Treasury a fund, to be known as
20 the ‘Ocean Energy Safety Fund’ (referred to in this
21 subsection as the ‘Fund’), into which shall be depos-
22 ited all amounts collected as fees under paragraph
23 (1) and which shall be available as provided under
24 paragraph (3).

1 “(3) AVAILABILITY OF FEES.—Notwithstanding
2 section 3302 of title 31, United States Code, all
3 amounts deposited in the Fund—

4 “(A) shall be credited as offsetting collec-
5 tions;

6 “(B) shall be available for expenditure for
7 purposes of carrying out inspections of outer
8 Continental Shelf facilities (including mobile
9 offshore drilling units) and the administration
10 of the inspection program under this section;

11 “(C) shall be available only to the extent
12 provided for in advance in an appropriations
13 Act; and

14 “(D) shall remain available until expended.

15 “(4) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—For each
16 fiscal year beginning after fiscal year 2020, the Sec-
17 retary shall adjust each dollar amount specified in
18 this subsection for inflation based on the change in
19 the Consumer Price Index from fiscal year 2020.

20 “(5) ANNUAL FEES.—Annual fees shall be col-
21 lected under this subsection for facilities that are
22 above the waterline, excluding drilling rigs, and are
23 in place at the start of the fiscal year. Fees for fiscal
24 year 2020 shall be—

1 “(A) \$11,500 for facilities with no wells,
2 but with processing equipment or gathering
3 lines;

4 “(B) \$18,500 for facilities with 1 to 10
5 wells, with any combination of active or inactive
6 wells; and

7 “(C) \$34,500 for facilities with more than
8 10 wells, with any combination of active or in-
9 active wells.

10 “(6) FEES FOR DRILLING RIGS.—Fees shall be
11 collected under this subsection for drilling rigs on a
12 per inspection basis. Fees for fiscal year 2020 shall
13 be—

14 “(A) \$33,500 per inspection for rigs oper-
15 ating in water depths of 500 feet or more; and

16 “(B) \$18,500 per inspection for rigs oper-
17 ating in water depths of less than 500 feet.

18 “(7) FEES FOR NON-RIG UNITS.—Fees shall be
19 collected under this subsection for well operations
20 conducted via non-rig units as outlined in subparts
21 D, E, F, and Q of part 250 of title 30, Code of Fed-
22 eral Regulations, on a per inspection basis. Fees for
23 fiscal year 2020 shall be—

1 “(A) \$13,260 per inspection for non-rig
2 units operating in water depths of 2,500 feet or
3 more;

4 “(B) \$11,530 per inspection for non-rig
5 units operating in water depths between 500
6 and 2,499 feet; and

7 “(C) \$4,470 per inspection for non-rig
8 units operating in water depths of less than 500
9 feet.

10 “(8) BILLING.—The Secretary shall bill des-
11 ignated operators under paragraph (5) annually,
12 with payment required within 30 days of billing. The
13 Secretary shall bill designated operators under para-
14 graph (6) within 30 days of the end of the month
15 in which the inspection occurred, with payment re-
16 quired within 30 days after billing.”.

17 **SEC. ____ . DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

18 The budgetary effects of this subtitle, for the purpose
19 of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of
20 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest state-
21 ment titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation”
22 for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional
23 Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee,
24 provided that such statement has been submitted prior to
25 the vote on passage.

1 **SEC. ____ . STUDY ON BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRON-**
2 **MENTAL ENFORCEMENT OFFSHORE OIL AND**
3 **GAS OPERATIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM.**

4 The Secretary of the Interior shall contract with the
5 National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medi-
6 cine to complete, not later than 21 months after the date
7 of the enactment of this subtitle, the study entitled “Re-
8 view and Update of Bureau of Safety and Environmental
9 Enforcement Offshore Oil and Gas Operations Inspection
10 Program” that the Secretary of the Interior had pre-
11 viously contracted with the National Academies of
12 Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to complete.

