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At the end of subtitle F of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . APPLICATION OF OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF**
2 **LANDS ACT WITH RESPECT TO TERRITORIES**
3 **OF THE UNITED STATES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2 of the Outer Conti-
5 nental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (a)—

7 (A) by inserting after “control” the fol-
8 lowing: “or lying within the exclusive economic
9 zone of the United States and the outer Conti-
10 nental Shelf adjacent to any territory or posses-
11 sion of the United States”; and

12 (B) by adding at the end before the semi-
13 colon the following: “, except that such term
14 shall not include any area conveyed by Congress
15 to a territorial government for administration”;

16 (2) in paragraph (p), by striking “and” after
17 the semicolon at the end;

1 (3) in paragraph (q), by striking the period at
2 the end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (4) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(r) The term ‘State’ includes each territory of the
5 United States.”.

6 (b) **EXCLUSIONS.**—Section 18 of the Outer Conti-
7 nental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1344) is amended by
8 adding at the end the following:

9 “(i) This section shall not apply to the scheduling of
10 lease sales in the outer Continental Shelf adjacent to the
11 territories and possessions of the United States.”.

12 **SEC. ____ . DISPOSITION OF REVENUES WITH RESPECT TO**
13 **TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES.**

14 Section 9 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
15 (43 U.S.C. 1338) is amended—

16 (1) by striking “All rentals” and inserting the
17 following:

18 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as otherwise provided in
19 law, all rentals”; and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(b) **DISPOSITION OF REVENUES TO TERRITORIES**
22 **OF THE UNITED STATES.**—Of the rentals, royalties, and
23 other sums paid to the Secretary under this Act from a
24 lease for an area of land on the outer Continental Shelf
25 adjacent to a territory and lying within the exclusive eco-

1 nomic zone of the United States pertaining to such terri-
2 tory, and not otherwise obligated or appropriated—

3 “(1) 50 percent shall be deposited in the Treas-
4 ury and credited to miscellaneous receipts;

5 “(2) 12.5 percent shall be deposited in the
6 Coral Reef Conservation Fund established under
7 section 211 of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of
8 2000; and

9 “(3) 37.5 percent shall be disbursed to terri-
10 tories of the United States in an amount for each
11 territory (based on a formula established by the Sec-
12 retary by regulation) that is inversely proportional to
13 the respective distance between the point on the
14 coastline of the territory that is closest to the geo-
15 graphic center of the applicable leased tract and the
16 geographic center of the leased tract.”.

17 **SEC. ____ . WIND LEASE SALES FOR AREAS OF OUTER CON-**
18 **TINENTAL SHELF.**

19 (a) **CONDITIONAL WIND LEASE SALES IN TERRI-**
20 **TORIES OF THE UNITED STATES.**—The Outer Continental
21 Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.) is amended by
22 adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 33. WIND LEASE SALES FOR AREAS OF OUTER CONTI-**
2 **NENTAL SHELF.**

3 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may conduct
4 wind lease sales on the outer Continental Shelf.

5 “(b) WIND LEASE SALE PROCEDURE.—Any wind
6 lease sale conducted under this section shall be considered
7 a lease under section 8(p).

8 “(c) WIND LEASE SALES OFF COASTS OF TERRI-
9 TORIES OF THE UNITED STATES.—

10 “(1) STUDY ON FEASIBILITY OF CONDUCTING
11 WIND LEASE SALES.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
13 conduct a study on the feasibility, including the
14 technological and long-term economic feasibility,
15 of conducting wind lease sales on an area of the
16 outer Continental Shelf within the territorial ju-
17 risdiction of American Samoa, Guam, the
18 Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and
19 the Virgin Islands of the United States.

20 “(B) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the
21 study required in paragraph (A), the Secretary
22 shall consult—

23 “(i) the National Renewable Energy
24 Laboratory of the Department of Energy;
25 and

1 “(ii) the Governor of each of Amer-
2 ican Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana
3 Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Is-
4 lands of the United States.

5 “(C) PUBLICATION.—The study required
6 in paragraph (A) shall be published in the Fed-
7 eral Register for public comment for not fewer
8 than 60 days.

9 “(D) SUBMISSION OF RESULTS.—Not later
10 than 18 months after the date of the enactment
11 of this section, the Secretary shall submit the
12 results of the study conducted under subpara-
13 graph (A) to:

14 “(i) the Committee on Energy and
15 Natural Resources of the Senate;

16 “(ii) the Committee on Natural Re-
17 sources of the House of Representatives;
18 and

19 “(iii) each of the delegates or resident
20 commissioner to the House of Representa-
21 tives from American Samoa, Guam, the
22 Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico,
23 and the Virgin Islands of the United
24 States, respectively.

1 “(E) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The study
2 required under subparagraph (A) and results
3 submitted under subparagraph (C) shall be
4 made readily available on a public Government
5 internet website.

6 “(2) CALL FOR INFORMATION AND NOMINA-
7 TIONS.—The Secretary shall issue a call for informa-
8 tion and nominations for proposed wind lease sales
9 for areas determined to be feasible under the study
10 conducted under paragraph (1).

11 “(3) CONDITIONAL WIND LEASE SALES.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For each territory,
13 the Secretary shall conduct not less than 1 wind
14 lease sale on an area of the outer Continental
15 Shelf within the territorial jurisdiction of such
16 territory that meets each of the following cri-
17 teria:

18 “(i) The study required under para-
19 graph (1)(A) concluded that a wind lease
20 sale on the area is feasible.

21 “(ii) The Secretary has determined
22 that the call for information has generated
23 sufficient interest for the area.

1 “(iii) The Secretary has consulted
2 with the Secretary of Defense regarding
3 such a sale.

4 “(iv) The Secretary has consulted
5 with the Governor of the territory regard-
6 ing the suitability of the area for wind en-
7 ergy development.

8 “(B) EXCEPTION.—If no area of the outer
9 Continental Shelf within the territorial jurisdic-
10 tion of a territory meets each of the criteria in
11 clauses (i) through (iii) of subparagraph (A),
12 the requirement under subparagraph (A) shall
13 not apply to such territory.”.

14 **SEC. ____ . ESTABLISHMENT OF CORAL REEF CONSERVA-**
15 **TION FUND.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Coral Reef Conservation Act
17 of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6401 et seq.) is amended by adding
18 at the end the following:

19 **“SEC. 211. CORAL REEF CONSERVATION FUND.**

20 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
21 Treasury the Coral Reef Conservation Fund, hereafter re-
22 ferred to as the Fund.

23 “(b) DEPOSITS.—For each fiscal year, there shall be
24 deposited in the Fund the portion of such revenues due
25 and payable to the United States under subsection (b)(2)

1 of section 9 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43
2 U.S.C. 1338).

3 “(c) USES.—Amounts deposited in the Fund under
4 this section and appropriated to the Secretary of Com-
5 merce under subsection (f) shall be used by the Secretary
6 of Commerce to carry out the Coral Reef Conservation Act
7 of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6401 et seq.), with priority given to
8 carrying out sections 204 and 206 of such Act (16 U.S.C.
9 6403 and 6405).

10 “(d) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts deposited in the Fund
11 shall remain in the Fund until appropriated by Congress.

12 “(e) REPORTING.—The President shall include with
13 the proposed budget for the United States Government
14 submitted to Congress for a fiscal year a comprehensive
15 statement of deposits into the Fund during the previous
16 fiscal year and estimated requirements during the fol-
17 lowing fiscal year for appropriations from the Fund.

18 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 are authorized to be appropriated from the Fund to the
20 Secretary of Commerce, an amount equal to the amount
21 deposited in the Fund in the previous fiscal year.

22 “(g) NO LIMITATION.—Appropriations from the
23 Fund pursuant to this section may be made without fiscal
24 year limitation.”

1 (b) RENAMING OF EXISTING FUND.—Section 205 of
2 the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6404)
3 is amended—

4 (1) in the heading, by striking “**CORAL REEF**
5 **CONSERVATION FUND**” and inserting “**CORAL**
6 **REEF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP**”;

7 (2) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
9 “FUND” and inserting “PUBLIC-PRIVATE
10 PARTNERSHIP”; and

11 (B) by striking “, hereafter referred to as
12 the Fund,”; and

13 (3) in subsection (b), by striking “Fund” and
14 inserting “separate interest bearing account”.

