

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4888

To provide that the production safety systems rule and the well control rule in section 250 of title 30, Code of Federal Regulations, shall have the same force and effect of law as if such rules had been enacted by an Act of Congress, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2018

Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. CRIST, Mr. SOTO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. LEE, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. SUOZZI, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. BASS, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KEATING, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. GOMEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) 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 “Safe Coasts, Oceans,
3 And Seaside Towns Act” or the “Safe COAST Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FORCE AND EFFECT OF PRODUCTION SAFETY SYS-**
5 **TEMS RULE AND THE WELL CONTROL RULE.**

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

11 **SEC. 3. STUDY ON BSEE OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS OPER-**
12 **ATIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM.**

13 The Secretary of the Interior shall contract with the
14 National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medi-
15 cine to complete, not later than 21 months after the date
16 of the enactment of this Act, the study entitled “Review
17 and Update of Bureau of Safety and Environmental En-
18 forcement Offshore Oil and Gas Operations Inspection
19 Program” that the Secretary of the Interior had pre-
20 viously contracted with the National Academies of
21 Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to complete.

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