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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1231

OFFERED BY MR. PALLONE OF NEW JERSEY

~~Page 2, strike line 8 and all that follows through page 3, line 16, and insert the following.~~ *At the end, insert a new section:*

1 *(C)* ~~“(1) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN~~
2 CERTAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL
3 SHELF.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—No oil and gas leasing
5 program under this section may make available
6 for preleasing, leasing, and related activities
7 any area of the outer Continental Shelf lo-
8 cated—

9 ~~“(i) in any Marine National Monu-~~
10 ~~ment or national marine sanctuary; or~~

11 ~~“(ii) in the New York/New Jersey~~
12 Bight.

13 “(B) EFFECT.—Nothing in this paragraph
14 affects any rights under leases issued under
15 this Act before the date of enactment of this
16 paragraph.

17 ~~“(5) DESIGNATION OF NEW JERSEY/NEW YORK~~
18 ~~CLEAN OCEAN ZONE.—Each oil and gas leasing pro-~~
19 ~~gram under this section shall designate and refer to~~

1 ~~the New York/New Jersey Bight as the 'New Jersey/~~
2 ~~New York Clean Ocean Zone'.~~

3 (C) ~~(b)~~ NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY BIGHT DE-
4 FINED.—In this paragraph the term 'New York/New
5 Jersey Bight' means the geographic area within the
6 Atlantic Ocean generally known by that name and
7 located within the boundaries described more par-
8 ticularly as follows: Beginning at a point at the
9 southern tip of Cape May, New Jersey, and run-
10 ning—

11 1 ~~(A)~~ northerly along the mean high water
12 mark of the coast of New Jersey to the north-
13 ern tip of Sandy Hook, New Jersey, then

14 2 ~~(B)~~ northeasterly along the transect of
15 the northern tip of Sandy Hook and the west-
16 ern tip of Long Island, New York, then

17 3 ~~(C)~~ easterly along the mean high water
18 mark of the south shore of Long Island to the
19 eastern tip of Long Island, New York, then

20 4 ~~(D)~~ southerly to the eastern bank of
21 Block Canyon to the 1,000 fathom line of the
22 Continental Shelf, then

23 5 ~~(E)~~ southwesterly along the 1,000 fathom
24 line to the western bank of Baltimore Canyon,
25 and then

1 6 "~~(F)~~ northwesterly to the point of begin-
2 ning at the southern tip of Cape May, New Jer-
3 sey."

