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115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

**H. R. 3279**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. COOK 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 "Helium Extraction Act  
5 of 2017".

1 **SEC. 2. MAINTENANCE OF FEDERAL MINERAL LEASES**

2 **BASED ON EXTRACTION OF HELIUM.**

3 The first section of the Mineral Leasing Act (30  
4 U.S.C. 181) is amended in the fifth paragraph by insert-  
5 ing after “purchaser thereof” the following: “, and that  
6 extraction of helium from gas produced from such lands  
7 shall maintain the lease as if the extracted helium were  
8 oil and gas”.