

HR 2854

New Jersey/New York Clean Ocean Zone Act of 2007

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans. (Jun 30, 2007)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 30, 2007
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 26, 2007
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

New Jersey/New York Clean Ocean Zone Act of 2007 - Designates the New York/New Jersey Bight as the New Jersey/New York Clean Ocean Zone. Prohibits the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the Army, and all states from issuing a permit for ocean dumping, or establishing any new disposal site in the Zone, including under specified provisions of existing law. Terminates all existing disposal site designations, subject to exception.

Prohibits: (1) the discharge of a pollutant into the Zone from a point source constructed or put into use after enactment of this Act under specified provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; and (2) permit issuance for such discharge.

Prohibits a state or federal permit issued for the discharge of a pollutant into the Zone from being renewed, reissued, or modified to allow any increase of discharge capacity of any point source or to contain any effluent limitation less stringent than comparable effluent limitations in the permit.

Prohibits the permanent extraction of any nonrenewable natural resource from the Zone for commercial or industrial use, except for the primary purpose of maintaining or establishing navigation channels.

Prohibits the creation, licensing, leasing, easement granting, or right-of-way granting of certain facilities involving nonrenewable energy, including deepwater ports and pipelines.

Prohibits categorically excluding leases, easements, or rights-of-way for renewable energy facilities from specified provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Prohibits underwater research or exploration in the Zone unless it meets certain requirements.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 30, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans.
- **Jun 26, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Jun 26, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Jun 26, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jun 25, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 25, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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