

HR 2276

Seismic Moratorium Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

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Sponsor

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Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		May 12, 2015
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-22]	D · FL		May 12, 2015
Rep. Graham, Gwen [D-FL-2]	D · FL		May 12, 2015
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		May 12, 2015
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		May 12, 2015
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		May 12, 2015
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		May 19, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 4, 2015
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2279	Identical bill	Jun 4, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
114 S 1171	Identical bill	Apr 30, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## **Seismic Moratorium Act**

This bill prohibits conducting geological or geophysical activities in support of oil or gas exploration and development in any area located within a specified exclusive economic zone located off the coastline of Florida.

This moratorium shall only be terminated if the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (of the Department of Commerce) determines that the reasonably foreseeable impacts of such activities are minimal to individuals or populations of marine mammals, sea turtles, or fish.

These geological or geophysical activities are described in the final programmatic environmental impact statement of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (of the Department of the Interior) entitled "Atlantic OCS Proposed Geological and Geophysical Activities, Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic Planning Areas," completed February 2014.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 4, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Jun 4, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **May 12, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **May 12, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.