

## HR 2261

Marine Oil Spill Prevention Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** May 1, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment. (May 22, 2018)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		May 1, 2017
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jul 25, 2017
Rep. Rooney, Francis [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Dec 1, 2017
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		May 17, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 16, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 16, 2017
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	May 22, 2018
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 2, 2017
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 74	Related bill	Jan 9, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## Summary (as of May 1, 2017)

### Marine Oil Spill Prevention Act

This bill address issues related to preventing and responding to oil spills.

This bill amends the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to extend the moratorium on oil and gas leasing in certain areas in the Gulf of Mexico until June 30, 2027.

This bill sets forth provisions concerning Coast Guard responsibilities, including designating areas that are at heightened risk of oil spills and implementing measures to ameliorate that risk.

This bill amends the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to establish a Gulf Coast Regional Citizens' Advisory Council to advise on facilities and tank vessels.

This bill makes an owner of oil responsible for oil spill cleanup. Currently, owners of oil are only responsible if the oil is being transported in a single-hull vessel.

This bill amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permit the Coast Guard or the Department of Commerce to request a National Transportation Safety Board investigation of any accident occurring in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Commerce must establish an inspection fee for OCS facilities for the cost of inspections of facilities and other duties.

This bill requires a comprehensive review of the capacity of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to respond to oil spills. NOAA must develop and maintain oil spill trajectory modeling capability.

The Coast Guard must evaluate and validate oil pollution containment and removal methods and technologies.

NOAA must carry out long-term marine environment monitoring and research program for the Gulf of Mexico.

The bill requires the Coast Guard to publish within 12 hours an Incident Action Plan in response to an oil spill.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 22, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
- **May 16, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **May 16, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **May 2, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **May 2, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **May 1, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 1, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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.