

## HR 2352

Marine Oil Spill Prevention Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** Apr 22, 2019

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife. (Apr 29, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/2352>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]

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

### Cosponsors (10 total)

| Cosponsor                              | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|--|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]          | R · FL        |      | Apr 22, 2019 |
| Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]              | R · FL        |      | Apr 22, 2019 |
| Rep. Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie [D-FL-26] | D · FL        |      | Apr 22, 2019 |
| Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]      | D · FL        |      | May 9, 2019  |
| Rep. Rooney, Francis [R-FL-19]         | R · FL        |      | May 9, 2019  |
| Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]           | D · CA        |      | May 9, 2019  |
| Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]          | D · FL        |      | May 15, 2019 |
| Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]           | D · FL        |      | Jun 3, 2019  |
| Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]            | D · CA        |      | Aug 30, 2019 |
| Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]          | D · NJ        |      | Aug 30, 2019 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Natural Resources Committee                 | House   | Referred to | Apr 29, 2019 |
| Natural Resources Committee                 | House   | Referred to | Apr 29, 2019 |
| Science, Space, and Technology Committee    | House   | Referred to | Apr 22, 2019 |
| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House   | Referred to | Apr 23, 2019 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action   |
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| 116 HR 286 | Related bill | <b>Feb 5, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. |

## Marine Oil Spill Prevention Act

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

Among other things, the bill

- requires the Department of the Interior to consult with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) before approving an oil and gas lease program;
- authorizes the Department of Commerce to make grants to states to ensure sufficient oil spill planning and response capabilities;
- prohibits oil and gas leasing in certain areas of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Area, the South Atlantic Planning area, and the Straits of Florida Planning Area;
- 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;
- establishes a Gulf Coast Regional Citizens' Advisory Council to advise on facilities and tank vessels;
- permits the U.S. Coast Guard or Commerce to request a National Transportation Safety Board investigation of certain accidents occurring in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS);
- establishes inspection fees for OCS facilities;
- requires a comprehensive review of NOAA's capacity to respond to oil spills;
- directs the Coast Guard to evaluate and validate oil pollution containment and removal methods and technologies;
- requires NOAA to carry out a long-term marine environment monitoring and research program for the Gulf of Mexico; and
- directs the Coast Guard to publish within 12 hours an Incident Action Plan in response to an oil spill.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 29, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Apr 29, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Apr 23, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Apr 22, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 22, 2019:** 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.
- **Apr 22, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.