

## HR 5707

### PROTECT Florida Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

**Introduced:** Oct 25, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. (Oct 29, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5707>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]

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

### Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Oct 25, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 29, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Energy

## Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Oct 25, 2021)

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### Preserving Recreation, Oceans, Tourism, Environment, and Coastal Towns in Florida Act or the PROTECT Florida Act

This bill prohibits oil and gas exploration and leasing on the Outer Continental Shelf in certain areas off the coast of the Gulf of Mexico and Florida.

Specifically, the bill extends the moratorium until June 30, 2032, on oil and gas exploration, preleasing or leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico.

Additionally, the bill establishes a moratorium until June 30, 2029, on oil and gas exploration, preleasing or leasing, or any related activity (including seismic testing) in the (1) Straits of Florida Planning Area, and (2) the area in the South Atlantic Planning Area that is south of the northernmost lateral seaward administrative boundary of Florida.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 29, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Oct 25, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 25, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.