

Ban of Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling and Infrastructure in State Waters

State	Bill Number	Title	Description	Status	PDF Copy
California	SB834/AB1775	State lands: leasing: oil and gas	The law prohibits offshore oil and gas exploration, development, and production in State waters. The law also prohibits the state or any state agency from issuing any permits necessary for offshore oil and gas developments.	Passed	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB834
Connecticut	SB588	Prohibiting off-shore drilling for oil and gas in Connecticut	The bill would prohibit offshore oil and gas development in state waters. Moreover the bill would prohibit the state or any state agency from issuing permits for the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with offshore drilling for oil or natural gas.	Introduced	https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/TOB/s/pdf/2019SB-00588-R01-SB.PDF
	HJ39	Resolution Memorializing Congress To Exempt Connecticut	The resolution expresses the State's opposition to offshore gas and oil drilling and exploration, including seismic testing. The resolution calls on Congress to exempt Connecticut from any lease sales and development.	Introduced	https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/cbs/H/pdf/HJ-0039.pdf
Delaware	SB200	An Act To Amend Title 7 Of The Delaware Code Relating To Offshore Drilling And The Coastal Zone.	The law prohibits offshore oil and gas exploration, development, and production in State waters. The law also prohibits the state or any state agency from issuing any permits necessary for offshore oil and gas developments.	Passed	https://legis.delaware.gov/BillDetail?LegislationId=26637
Florida	Amendment 9	Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling	Constitutional Amendment which prohibits drilling for the exploration or extraction of oil and natural gas in Florida State waters.	Passed	https://www.flchamber.com/political/elections/2018-constitutional-amendments/
Hawaii	SB259	Relating to offshore drilling.	The bill would prohibit offshore oil and gas development in state waters. Moreover the bill would prohibit the state or any state agency from issuing permits for the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with offshore drilling for oil or natural gas.	Introduced	https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2019/bills/SB259_SD1_.pdf
Maine	LD955	An Act To Prohibit	The bill would prohibit offshore oil and gas development in state waters. Moreover the bill would prohibit the state or	Introduced	http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF



		Offshore Oil and Natural Gas Drilling and Exploration	any state agency from issuing permits for the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with offshore drilling for oil or natural gas.		asp?paper=HP0710&item=1&snum=129
Massachusetts	S448	An Act protecting our coasts from offshore drilling	The bill would prohibit offshore oil and gas development in state waters. Moreover the bill would prohibit the state or any state agency from issuing permits for the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with offshore drilling for oil or natural gas.	Introduced	https://malegislature.gov/Bills/191/S448
New Hampshire	SB76	AN ACT relative to the prohibition of offshore oil and natural gas exploration	The bill would prohibit offshore oil and gas development in state waters. Moreover the bill would prohibit the state or any state agency from issuing permits for the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with offshore drilling for oil or natural gas.	Introduced	http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2019/SB0076.html
	HJR2	Recommending and requesting the President of the US and US Congress to exclude NH	The resolution would request the President and Congress to exclude the State of New Hampshire from offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration activities, including seismic testing.	Introduced	http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2019/HJR0002.html
New Jersey	A839	STOP Offshore Oil and Gas Act	The law prohibits offshore oil and gas exploration, development, and production in State waters. The law also prohibits the state or any state agency from issuing any permits necessary for offshore oil and gas developments.	Passed	https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2018/Bills/PL18/7_PDF
New York	SB2316	Relates to prohibiting state authorizations related to certain	The bill would prohibit offshore oil and gas development in state waters. Moreover the bill would prohibit the state or any state agency from issuing permits for the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with offshore drilling for oil or natural gas.	Passed	https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2019/S2316



		offshore oil and natural gas production			
North Carolina	HB545	Protect the Military/Fisheries/Tourism	The law prohibits offshore oil and gas exploration, development, and production in State waters.	Introduced	https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2019/H545
Oregon	SB256	Relating to ocean resources.	The law prohibits offshore oil and gas exploration, development, and production in State waters.	Passed	https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB256/Enrolled
South Carolina	H3087	Offshore oil	The bill would prohibit the approval of any permits necessary for seismic testing to locate offshore oil and gas reserves. The bill would also prohibit the approval of any permit necessary for offshore oil and gas infrastructure in state waters.	Introduced	https://www.scstatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3087&session=123&summary=B&PRINT=1
Virginia	SB1573	Offshore oil and gas drilling; prohibition.	The bill would prohibit offshore oil and gas development in state waters. Moreover the bill would prohibit the state or any state agency from issuing permits for the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with offshore drilling for oil or natural gas. The bill would also repeal a section of the Code of Virginia stating the Commonwealth's support for federal efforts to explore for natural gas more than 50 miles off shore.	Introduced	http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+SB1573

Other Legislation

State	Bill Number	Title	Description	Status	PDF
Georgia	HB119	Mineral resources and caves	The bill would amend Chapter 4 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, which allows the Georgia Legislature for awarding the first person, firm, or corporation which develops a commercial oil well in the state	Introduced	http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20192020/180169.pdf
	HR48	Support for Georgia's	The resolution would reject both offshore drilling and seismic testing off the coast of the state.	Passed	http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-



		Coastal Tourism and Fisheries			US/display/20192020/HR/48
Maryland	HB1456	Offshore Drilling Liability Act	The law defines offshore oil and gas drilling as an ultrahazardous and abnormally dangerous activity. A person that causes a spill of oil or gas while engaged in an offshore drilling activity is strictly liable for damages for any injury, death, or loss to person or property that is caused by the spill.	Passed	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2018RS/bills/hb/hb1456f.pdf

Coastal States without Legislation: Alabama, Alaska, Louisiana, Mississippi, Rhode Island, Texas, Washington

Federal Bills Aimed Against Offshore Drilling

Act	Bill Number	Sponsor	Description	Status	PDF
The Clean Ocean and Safe Tourism (COAST) Anti-Drilling Act of 2019	H.R.341	Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-N.J.)	This bill permanently bans seismic testing and oil and gas leasing off the entire Atlantic coast, in the Straits of Florida and in the eastern Gulf of Mexico. The bill currently has 55 co-sponsors, including two Republicans — Rep. Francis Rooney of Florida and Rep. Christopher Smith of New Jersey.	Introduced	https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr341/BILLS-116hr341ih.pdf
The Coastal Economies Protection Act of 2019	H.R. 291	Rep. Joe Cunningham (D-S.C.) and Rep. Rooney (R. F.L.)	This bill puts a 10-year moratorium on oil and gas leasing in the Atlantic, the Straits of Florida, and the Eastern Gulf of Mexico within 125 miles of the Florida coastline.	Introduced	https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr341/BILLS-116hr341ih.pdf
The California Clean Coast Act Of 2019	H.R. 279	Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-Calif.)	This bill permanently prohibits new oil and gas leasing off the coast of California. It's co-sponsored by 42 California representatives.	Introduced	https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr279/BILLS-116hr279ih.pdf
The New England Coastal Protection Act of 2019	H.R. 287	Rep. David Cicilline (D-R.I.)	This bill permanently bans oil and gas exploration and leasing off the coasts of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. The bill is co-sponsored by every U.S. House member from a New England coastal state.	Introduced	https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr287/BILLS-116hr287ih.pdf



The Florida Coastal Protection Act of 2019	H.R. 286	Rep. Kathy Castor (D-FL)	This bill permanently prohibits new oil and gas leasing in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico within 125 miles of the coastline of Florida, in the Atlantic Ocean off of Florida, and in the Straits of Florida. The bill is co-sponsored by Florida representatives on both sides of the aisle.	Introduced	https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr286/BILLS-116hr286ih.pdf
West Coast Ocean Protection Act of 2019	H.R. 310	Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.)	This bill permanently prohibits oil and gas exploration and leasing off the coasts of California, Oregon and Washington. The bill currently has 20 co-sponsors from the west coast.	Introduced	https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr310/BILLS-116hr310ih.pdf
The Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act of 2019	H.R. 309	Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.)	This bill permanently prohibits the issuing or renewing of oil and gas leases in the Arctic Ocean, including the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. Eighteen representatives are co-sponsors on the bill at the time of writing.	Introduced	https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr309/BILLS-116hr309ih.pdf
The Defend our Coast Act of 2019	H.R. 337	Rep. A. Donald McEachin (D-Va.)	This bill permanently prohibits the Department of Interior from issuing oil and gas leases on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic (North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware). The bill is co-sponsored by Republican Rep. Walter Jones of North Carolina, along with a number of Democrats from the region.	Introduced	https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr337/BILLS-116hr337ih.pdf

