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To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to improve safety at
manned offshore installations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANDRY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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

A BILL

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to improve
safety at manned offshore installations, and for other
purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Offshore Installation
5 Emergency Evacuation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MANNED EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RESCUE VES-**
2 **SELS AT OCS INSTALLATIONS.**

3 Section 21(c) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands
4 Act (43 U.S.C. 1347(c)) is amended by designating the
5 existing text as paragraph (1) and adding at the end
6 thereof the following new paragraph:

7 “(2) EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RESCUE VES-
8 SELS.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the
10 department in which the Coast Guard is oper-
11 ating shall, within 180 days after the date of
12 enactment of the Offshore Installation Emer-
13 gency Evacuation Act, promulgate regulations
14 requiring that a manned Emergency Response
15 and Rescue Vessel must be located within 3
16 blocks of every manned outer Continental Shelf
17 facility or mobile offshore drilling unit, as fol-
18 lows:

19 “(i) In the case of such a facility or
20 unit being used for deep water drilling op-
21 erations, the Emergency Response and
22 Rescue Vessel must be so located at all
23 times.

24 “(ii) In the case of such a facility or
25 unit being used for shallow water drilling
26 operations, the Emergency Response and

1 Rescue Vessel must be so located at all
2 times when workers on the facility or unit
3 are performing drilling, plugging, aban-
4 doning, or construction operations.

5 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

6 “(i) The term ‘block’ means an area
7 of the outer Continental Shelf that has
8 been appropriately platted for leasing in
9 accordance with section 256.8 of title 30,
10 Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect
11 on the date of enactment of the Offshore
12 Installation Emergency Evacuation Act.

13 “(ii) The term ‘deep water drilling op-
14 eration’ means any drilling operation con-
15 ducted in 500 feet of water or more.

16 “(iii) The term ‘Emergency Response
17 and Rescue Vessel’ means a standby vessel
18 that meets the requirements of subpart E
19 of part 143 of title 33, Code of Federal
20 Regulations, as in effect on the date of en-
21 actment of the Offshore Installation Emer-
22 gency Evacuation Act.

1 “(iv) The term ‘shallow water drilling
2 operation’ means any drilling operation in
3 no more than 500 feet of water.”.

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