

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 7831

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 3, 2026

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural  
Resources

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## AN ACT

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to extend the period of time during which the Secretary of the Interior is required to collect a fee for each new application for a permit to drill, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “License to Drill Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. BLM OIL AND GAS PERMIT PROCESSING FEE.**

4 Section 35(d) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.  
5 191(d)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “2026” and  
7 inserting “2037”;

8 (2) in paragraph (3)—

9 (A) by striking “Of the fees collected  
10 under this subsection for a fiscal year, the” and  
11 inserting “The”; and

12 (B) by striking “transfer—” and all that  
13 follows through “the Fund” and inserting  
14 “transfer, for each of fiscal years 2027 through  
15 2037, all of the fees collected under this sub-  
16 section for each such fiscal year to the BLM  
17 Permit Processing Improvement Fund”; and

18 (3) in paragraph (4), by striking “2026” and  
19 inserting “2037”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 2, 2026.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Clerk.*