

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7363

To amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to clarify the responsibility of landowners who do not participate in the operation of oil facilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2022

Mr. GIBBS (for himself, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. MCKINLEY, and Mr. LATTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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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 “Innocent Landowners
5 Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESPONSIBLE PARTY.**

7 Section 1001(32)(B) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990
8 (33 U.S.C. 2701(32)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(B) ONSHORE FACILITIES.—In the case
2 of an onshore facility (other than a pipeline),
3 any person owning or operating the facility, ex-
4 cept—

5 “(i) a Federal agency, State, munici-
6 pality, commission, or political subdivision
7 of a State, or any interstate body, that as
8 the owner transfers possession and right to
9 use the property to another person by
10 lease, assignment, or permit; or

11 “(ii) with respect to a facility for oil
12 exploration, development, production, or
13 storage, a person with an ownership inter-
14 est in the facility who does not participate
15 in management of the facility, if the acqui-
16 sition of such interest by the person was
17 not designed to avoid the liability of any
18 person under this Act.”.

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