

Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only)

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Representative(s) Frankel offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 8, between lines 5 and 6,

insert:

Section 3. Restrictions on Oil and Natural Gas
Drilling, permitted by Commission--

The Florida Legislature recognizes that, a strong
economy is vital to Florida's future, and;

The Florida Legislature recognizes that, the tourism
industry is the largest segment of Florida's economy employing
over 775,000 Floridians and providing sustained economic
development for Florida, and;

That, Florida's tourism industry represents nearly
\$55.8 billion in annual tourist spending and \$15.4 billion
annual payroll for tourist-related, jobs, and;

That, protecting Florida's tourism industry is vital to
Florida's small businesses and small business owners who
represent the backbone of our state's economy;

The Florida legislature also recognizes that Florida's

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1 825 miles of sandy coastline fronting the Atlantic Ocean, the
2 Gulf of Mexico or the Straits of Florida and the marine
3 resources living off our coast are our most valuable natural
4 resources, and;

5 That, Florida's beaches are deserving of protection as
6 they serve several important functions, each being vital to
7 maintaining the health of Florida's economy and environment,
8 and;

9 That, Florida's beaches are vital to Florida's small
10 businesses and small business owners who represent the
11 backbone of our state's economy;

12 It shall be the policy of the state of Florida to
13 protect Florida's tourist industry by prohibiting oil and
14 natural gas drilling within 150 miles of Florida's pristine
15 beaches. The state is prohibited from permitting any activity
16 that allows for oil or natural gas drilling within 150 miles
17 of Florida's coastline.

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21 And the title is amended as follows:

22 On page 1, line 12, after the semicolon,

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24 insert:

25 providing legislative findings regarding
26 Florida's beaches; providing for a prohibition
27 against oil and natural gas drilling within 150
28 miles of Florida's beaches;

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