

CS/CS/HB 1219

2009

1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to environmental control; directing the  
3 Department of Environmental Protection to develop a plan  
4 for the implementation of an offshore oil and natural gas  
5 drilling program; providing requirements for the plan;  
6 requiring the plan to be submitted to the Legislature by a  
7 specified date; providing an effective date.  
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11 Section 1. The Department of Environmental Protection is  
12 directed to develop a plan, including legislative  
13 recommendations, for the implementation of an offshore oil and  
14 natural gas drilling program that provides protection to the  
15 state's environment while facilitating the recovery and  
16 distribution of offshore oil and natural gas reserves. The plan  
17 for the program shall include an expedited permitting process  
18 for all offshore and onshore activities associated with the  
19 development and construction of facilities and the production,  
20 transportation, and distribution of oil and natural gas  
21 products. The plan must be submitted to the President of the  
22 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later  
23 than December 31, 2009.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.