



Committee Assignment: Assembly Freedom 5

Bill #: AF-33

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3 **An Act To**

4 Amend §§ 23-1101 of the Environmental Conservation Law to permanently suspend  
5 the approval of oil and gas production leases on state parks and environmental  
6 lands.

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8 *The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:*

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10 **Purpose**

11 The purpose of this bill is to terminate the ability of the DEC (the department) to  
12 make leases on state parks and environmental lands.

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14 **Summary of Provisions**

15 **Section 1:**

16 § 23-1101. Procedure for obtaining oil and gas production lease.

17 ~~1. The department may make leases on behalf of this state, upon such~~  
18 ~~terms and conditions including consideration as to the department seem~~  
19 ~~just and proper for:~~

20 1. The department, nor any other department, may make any leases on behalf of  
21 this state.

22 a. The exploration, development and production of gas in state-owned  
23 lands, except state park lands and the lands under the waters of Lake  
24 Ontario or along its shoreline; and

25 b. The exploration, development and production of oil in state-owned  
26 lands, except state park lands and the lands under the waters of Lake  
27 Erie and Lake Ontario or along their shorelines.

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29 **Justification**

30 This bill is important because we need to protect wildlife and the environment from  
31 the harmful repercussions of drilling for oil in New York State. An oil spill or other  
32 extraction related accident is likely to cost the taxpayers more than the  
33 continuation of leasing land to oil interests is to benefit the public of New York.

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35 **Fiscal Implications**

36 This bill will cause a decrease in revenue from suspending land leases. The loss of  
37 revenue is expected be made up and exceeded by the increase of tourism. It will



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1 also help reduce the possibility of having to use tax dollars to repair damaged cities  
2 after harmful natural disasters.

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4 **Effective Date**

5 If passed, this bill will go into effect one year after passage.