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# H. R. 1677

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 2011

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Drug Free Water Act  
5       of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. TASK FORCE ON PROPER DISPOSAL OF UNUSED**  
2 **PHARMACEUTICALS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—In furtherance of the national  
4 goals and policies set forth in section 101 of the Federal  
5 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251), the Ad-  
6 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (in  
7 this Act referred to as the “Administrator”) shall convene  
8 a task force (in this Act referred to as the “task force”)  
9 to develop—

10 (1) recommendations on the proper disposal of  
11 unused pharmaceuticals by consumers, health care  
12 providers, and others, which recommendations  
13 shall—

14 (A) be calculated to prevent or reduce the  
15 detrimental effects on the environment and  
16 human health caused by introducing unused  
17 pharmaceuticals, directly or indirectly, into  
18 water systems; and

19 (B) provide for limiting the disposal of un-  
20 used pharmaceuticals through treatment works  
21 in accordance with the Federal Water Pollution  
22 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.); and

23 (2) a strategy for the Federal Government to  
24 educate the public on such recommendations.

25 (b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The task force shall be composed  
26 of—

1           (1) the Administrator (or the Administrator's  
2           designee), who shall serve as the Chair of the task  
3           force;

4           (2) the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (or  
5           the Commissioner's designee); and

6           (3) such other members as the Administrator  
7           may appoint.

8           (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
9           of the enactment of this Act, the task force shall submit  
10          a report to the Congress containing the recommendations  
11          and strategy required by subsection (a).

12          (d) STAFF OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Upon request  
13          of the task force, the head of any department or agency  
14          of the United States may detail any of the personnel of  
15          that department or agency to the task force to assist in  
16          carrying out its duties under this section.

17          (e) TERMINATION.—The task force shall terminate  
18          180 days after submitting the report required by sub-  
19          section (c).

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