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H. R. 2137

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2017

Mr. MAST 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 “Federal Do No Harm
5 Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR HARMFUL ALGAL**
2 **BLOOMS CAUSED BY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**
3 **WATER TRANSFERS.**

4 (a) TREATMENT AS EMERGENCY.—Notwithstanding
5 section 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
6 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5191), the Presi-
7 dent shall treat the impacts to State waterways and coast-
8 al estuaries of a harmful algal bloom conveyed down-
9 stream as a result of a water transfer carried out by the
10 Corps of Engineers within such State as an emergency
11 for purposes of title V of such Act.

12 (b) EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.—The President, in
13 consultation with the affected State, shall exercise any au-
14 thority under section 502 or 503 of the Robert T. Stafford
15 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
16 5192, 5193) that the President determines is necessary
17 to address an emergency described in subsection (a), in-
18 cluding exercising debris-removal authority under section
19 502(a)(5) of such Act to remove toxic algal biomass and
20 muck.

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