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H. R. 243

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to publish a health advisory and submit reports with respect to Microcystins in drinking water.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. NORTON, Ms. FUDGE, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. BEATTY, and Mr. JOYCE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Safe and Secure
5 Drinking Water Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. MICROCYSTINS IN DRINKING WATER.**

7 (a) HEALTH ADVISORY.—Not later than 90 days
8 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator

1 of the Environmental Protection Agency (in this Act re-
2 ferred to as the “Administrator”) shall develop and pub-
3 lish a health advisory including recommendations on—

4 (1)(A) the level of Microcystins in drinking
5 water below which the water is expected to be safe
6 for human consumption; and

7 (B) feasible treatment techniques and other
8 means for achieving such level; and

9 (2) standardized procedures for testing for
10 Microcystins in drinking water.

11 (b) PERIODIC REPORTS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Until the Administrator
13 makes a determination of whether or not to regulate
14 Microcystins in drinking water under section
15 1412(b) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.
16 300g–1(b)), the Administrator shall submit reports
17 as required by paragraph (2).

18 (2) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later
19 than 120 days after the date of enactment of this
20 Act, and every year thereafter, the Administrator
21 shall submit to the Congress a report on the fol-
22 lowing:

23 (A) The status of the Administrator’s ef-
24 forts to determine whether to regulate drinking
25 water with respect to the level of Microcystins.

1 (B) The steps taken by the Administrator
2 to promote testing of drinking water for
3 Microcystins in areas that have been affected by
4 harmful algal blooms.

5 (C) An analysis of available treatment
6 techniques and other means for addressing
7 Microcystins in drinking water.

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