

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2504

To require the Corps of Engineers to prohibit certain discharges of water at Lake Okeechobee, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 2023

Mr. MAST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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 “Stop Poisoning Florida
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LAKE OKEECHOBEE DISCHARGE PROHIBITION.**

7 The Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief
8 of Engineers, shall prohibit discharges of water from Lake
9 Okeechobee through the S–308 and S–80 lock and dam
10 structures when the water exceeds the maximum con-

1 centration of microcystins recommended for recreational
2 waters by the Environmental Protection Agency, as de-
3 scribed in the notice titled “Recommended Human Health
4 Recreational Ambient Water Quality Criteria or Swim-
5 ming Advisories for Microcystins and
6 Cylindrospermopsin” (84 Fed. Reg. 26413) (or any suc-
7 cessor water quality criteria), based on tests conducted by
8 the Secretary, another Federal agency, or the State of
9 Florida.

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