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H. R. 7203

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to grants for beach monitoring, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself, Mr. PALLONE, Mrs. SYKES, and Mr. ROUZER) 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 “Beaches Environ-
5 mental Assessment and Coastal Health Act of 2024” or
6 the “BEACH Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. COASTAL RECREATION WATER QUALITY MONI-**
2 **TORING AND NOTIFICATION.**

3 (a) PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION
4 GRANTS.—Section 406 of the Federal Water Pollution
5 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1346) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) by inserting “, including nearby
9 shallow upstream waters,” after “coastal
10 recreation waters”; and

11 (ii) by inserting “or present on” after
12 “adjacent to”;

13 (B) in paragraph (3)(A)—

14 (i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at
15 the end;

16 (ii) by redesignating clause (ii) as
17 clause (iii); and

18 (iii) by inserting after clause (i) the
19 following:

20 “(ii) in the case of a State that uses
21 such grant to identify specific sources of
22 contamination pursuant to paragraph (5),
23 any data relating to such identified sources
24 of contamination; and”;

25 (C) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(5) IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC SOURCES OF
2 CONTAMINATION.—A State or local government re-
3 ceiving a grant under this subsection may use such
4 grant to identify specific sources of contamination
5 for coastal recreation waters, including nearby shal-
6 low upstream waters, adjacent to or present on
7 beaches or similar points of access that are used by
8 the public.”;

9 (2) in subsection (g)(1)—

10 (A) by inserting “, including nearby shal-
11 low upstream waters,” after “coastal recreation
12 waters”; and

13 (B) by inserting “or present on” after “ad-
14 jacent to”; and

15 (3) in subsection (i), by striking “\$30,000,000
16 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2005” and in-
17 serting “\$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025
18 through 2029”.

19 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
20 8 of the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal
21 Health Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–284; 114 Stat. 877)
22 is amended by striking “2001 through 2005” and insert-
23 ing “2025 through 2029”.

1 **SEC. 3. GUIDANCE.**

2 In providing guidance to States and local govern-
3 ments receiving grants under section 406 of the Federal
4 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1346), the Ad-
5 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall
6 ensure that such guidance reflects innovations in testing
7 technologies for water contamination.

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