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S. 518

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for technical assistance for small treatment works.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for technical assistance for small treatment works.

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 “Small and Rural Com-
5 munity Clean Water Technical Assistance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL TREATMENT**
2 **WORKS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Federal Water Pol-
4 lution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 222. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL TREAT-**
7 **MENT WORKS.**

8 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) QUALIFIED NONPROFIT SMALL TREAT-
10 MENT WORKS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER.—

11 The term ‘qualified nonprofit small treatment works
12 technical assistance provider’ means a nonprofit or-
13 ganization that, as determined by the Adminis-
14 trator—

15 “(A) is qualified and experienced in pro-
16 viding training and technical assistance to small
17 treatment works; and

18 “(B) the small treatment works in the
19 State finds to be the most beneficial and effec-
20 tive.

21 “(2) SMALL TREATMENT WORKS.—The term
22 ‘small treatment works’ means a publicly owned
23 treatment works serving not more than 10,000 indi-
24 viduals.

25 “(b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Administrator
26 may use amounts made available to carry out this section

1 to provide grants or cooperative agreements to qualified
2 nonprofit small treatment works technical assistance pro-
3 viders to provide to owners and operators of small treat-
4 ment works onsite technical assistance, circuit rider tech-
5 nical assistance programs, multi-State, regional technical
6 assistance programs, and onsite and regional training, to
7 assist the small treatment works in achieving compliance
8 with this Act or obtaining financing under this Act for
9 eligible projects.

10 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
11 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
12 for grants for small treatment works technical assistance,
13 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022.”.

14 (b) WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING LOAN
15 FUNDS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 603 of the Federal
17 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1383) is
18 amended—

19 (A) in subsection (d)—

20 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph
21 (1), by inserting “and as provided in sub-
22 section (e)” after “State law”;

23 (ii) by redesignating subsections (e)
24 through (i) as subsections (f) through (j),
25 respectively; and

1 (iii) by inserting after subsection (d)
2 the following:

3 “(e) ADDITIONAL USE OF FUNDS.—A State may use
4 an additional 2 percent of the funds annually allotted to
5 the State under this section for qualified nonprofit small
6 treatment works technical assistance providers (as the
7 term is defined in section 222) to provide technical assist-
8 ance to small treatment works (as the term is defined in
9 section 222) in the State.”.

10 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
11 221(d) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
12 (33 U.S.C. 1301(d)) is amended by striking “section
13 603(h)” and inserting “section 603(i)”.

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