

119TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 6616

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase certain criminal fines, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2025

Ms. BARRAGÁN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase certain criminal fines, and for other purposes.

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 “Clean Water Justice  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**

7 Section 309(c)(2) of the Federal Water Pollution  
8 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1319(c)(2)) is amended, in the  
9 matter following subparagraph (B)—

1           (1) by striking “\$5,000” and inserting  
2           “\$25,000 (subject to adjustments under this para-  
3           graph)”;

4           (2) by striking “\$50,000” and inserting  
5           “\$250,000 (subject to adjustments under this para-  
6           graph)”;

7           (3) by striking “\$100,000” and inserting  
8           “\$500,000 (subject to adjustments under this para-  
9           graph)”; and

10          (4) by adding at the end the following: “The  
11          Administrator shall annually adjust the maximum  
12          penalties under this paragraph by the percentage (if  
13          any) by which the Consumer Price Index for all-  
14          urban consumers published by the Department of  
15          Labor for the month of October preceding the date  
16          of the adjustment exceeds such Consumer Price  
17          Index for the month of October in the preceding  
18          year, and shall publish each such adjustment in the  
19          Federal Register. An adjustment shall apply only  
20          with regard to a violation committed after the date  
21          of such publication.”.

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