

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1492

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for parity between private entities and public entities with respect to civil actions against the entities that arise from the ownership or operation of public water systems.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 1999

Mr. GARY MILLER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. CIVIL ACTIONS AGAINST PUBLIC WATER SYS-**
4 **TEMS; PARITY BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRI-**
5 **VATE ENTITIES.**

6 Part E of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.
7 300j et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing section:

1 “CIVIL ACTIONS AGAINST PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS;
2 PARITY BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES

3 “SEC. 1459. With respect to a civil action commenced
4 in Federal or State court against a private entity for a
5 claim arising from the ownership or operation by the enti-
6 ty of a public water system, the action shall be dismissed
7 in any circumstance in which the action would have been
8 dismissed if the private entity were a public entity that,
9 in the Federal or State jurisdiction involved, owned or op-
10 erated the public water system. This section applies not-
11 withstanding any other provision of Federal or State
12 law.”.

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