

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1674

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act with respect to civil actions against public waters systems that are in compliance with national drinking water regulations promulgated by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 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. PROHIBITION AGAINST CERTAIN CIVIL AC-**
4 **TIONS INVOLVING PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part E of the Safe Drinking
6 Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j et seq.) is amended by adding
7 at the end the following section:

1 “PROHIBITION AGAINST CERTAIN CIVIL ACTIONS

2 “SEC. 1459. In a civil action seeking relief on the
3 basis of the level of a contaminant in water in a public
4 water system, relief may not be provided by any Federal
5 or State court (whether the defendant is a public or a pri-
6 vate entity) if, as applicable (1) the level of the contami-
7 nant in such water is at or below the applicable maximum
8 contaminant level established in national drinking water
9 regulations promulgated by the Administrator under sec-
10 tion 1412; or (2) the public water system is using treat-
11 ment techniques in accordance with such regulations. This
12 section applies notwithstanding any other provision of
13 Federal or State law.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1414(e) of
15 the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300g–3(e)) is
16 amended by striking “Nothing in this title” and inserting
17 “Subject to section 1459, nothing in this title”.

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