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H. R. 2665

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 1999

Mr. SAXTON 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. STUDY OF RADIUM 224.**

4 The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Reg-
5 istry (ATSDR) shall undertake a study to determine the
6 toxicological effects of Radium 224 and the health effects
7 of exposure to Radium 224 in drinking water. Such study
8 shall include an epidemiological analysis of the populations

1 in areas where Radium 224 is known to be present in
2 drinking water. Such study shall be completed and the re-
3 sults of the study shall be transmitted to the Adminis-
4 trator of the Environmental Protection Agency and pub-
5 lished as soon as practicable but not later than 5 years
6 after the enactment of this Act.

7 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF DRINKING WATER STANDARD.**

8 Section 1412(b)(12) of the Safe Drinking Water Act
9 is amended by adding the following at the end thereof:

10 “(D) RADIUM 224.—The Administrator shall in-
11 clude Radium 224 on the list prepared under para-
12 graph (1)(B)(i) of contaminants which may require
13 regulation under this title and, not later than 6
14 months after the completion of the study undertaken
15 by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease
16 Registry to determine the toxicological effects of Ra-
17 dium 224 and the health effects of exposure to Ra-
18 dium 224 in drinking water, include Radium 224
19 among the 5 or more contaminants for which a de-
20 termination is made pursuant to paragraph
21 (1)(B)(ii).”.

22 **SEC. 3. STATE SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT PROGRAMS.**

23 Section 1453 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
24 U.S.C. 300j–13) is amended as follows:

1 (1) By adding the following at the end of sub-
2 section (a)(1): “Each such program shall be revised
3 every 5 years after the calendar year 1999.”

4 (2) By amending subsection (a)(3) to insert “or
5 revision thereof” after program in each place that
6 term appears in the second sentence and by insert-
7 ing the following at the end thereof: “Each revision
8 of a State source water assessment program shall be
9 approved or disapproved by the Administrator not
10 later than 9 months after the date of its submittal.”

11 (3) by adding the following at the end of sub-
12 section (a)(7): “Each State source water assessment
13 program and each revision thereof shall also be
14 made available to the public.”.

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