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H. R. 3191

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to marine sanitation devices.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 1, 1999

Mr. SAXTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Recreational Waters
5 Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REVISED STANDARDS FOR MARINE SANITATION**
7 **DEVICES.**

8 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
10 tection Agency shall review the capabilities of existing ma-

1 rine sanitation technology and publish revised standards
 2 for marine sanitation devices pursuant to section
 3 312(c)(1)(A) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
 4 (33 U.S.C. 1322(c)(1)(A)). The revised standards shall re-
 5 quire a baseline effluent water quality for fecal coliform
 6 of not more than 10 milliliters per 100 milliliters and shall
 7 require a reduction in biological oxygen demand of at least
 8 50 percent.

9 **SEC. 3. STATE PROHIBITION.**

10 Section 312(f)(3) of the Federal Water Pollution
 11 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1322(f)(3)) is amended—

12 (1) by inserting “(A)” before “After”;
 13 (2) by inserting before the period at the end of
 14 the first sentence the following: “and the State cer-
 15 tifies based on the best data available that effluent
 16 from marine sanitation devices is impairing water
 17 quality and such a prohibition will result in measur-
 18 able improvements in water quality”; and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following:
 20 “(B) A prohibition under subparagraph (A) shall not
 21 apply to a vessel that operates a type I or type II marine
 22 sanitation device that meets the standards for marine
 23 sanitation devices revised pursuant to section 2 of the Rec-
 24 reational Waters Protection Act and published under sub-

1 section (c)(1)(A) after the date of enactment of this sub-
2 paragraph.”.

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