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H. R. 3313

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 10, 2000

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AN ACT

To amend section 119 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the program for Long Island Sound, 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,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Long Island Sound Restoration Act".

SEC. 2. NITROGEN CREDIT TRADING SYSTEM AND OTHER MEASURES.

Section 119(c)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1269(c)(1)) is amended by inserting ", including efforts to establish, within the process for granting watershed general permits, a system for trading nitrogen credits and any other measures that are cost-effective and consistent with the goals of the Plan" before the semicolon at the end.

SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE FOR DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES.

Section 119 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1269) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (f); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (d) the following:

"(e) ASSISTANCE TO DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES.—

"(1) ELIGIBLE COMMUNITIES.—

"(A) STATES TO DETERMINE CRITERIA.— For the purposes of this subsection, a distressed community is any community that meets affordability criteria established by the State in which the community is located, if such

1   criteria are developed after public review and

2   comment.

3   "(B) CONSIDERATION OF IMPACT ON

4   WATER AND SEWER RATES.—In determining if

5   a community is a distressed community for the

6   purposes of this subsection, the State shall con-

7   sider the extent to which the rate of growth of

8   a community's tax base has been historically

9   slow such that implementing the plan described

10   in subsection (c)(1) would result in a significant

11   increase in any water or sewer rate charged by

12   the community's publicly-owned wastewater

13   treatment facility.

14   "(C) INFORMATION TO ASSIST STATES.—

15   The Administrator may publish information to

16   assist States in establishing affordability cri-

17   teria under subparagraph (A).

18   "(2) REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS.—

19   "(A) LOAN SUBSIDIES.—Subject to sub-

20   paragraph (B), any State making a loan to a

21   distressed community from a revolving fund

22   under title VI for the purpose of assisting the

23   implementation of the plan described in sub-

24   section (c)(1) may provide additional subsidiza-

25   tion (including forgiveness of principal).

1   "(B) TOTAL AMOUNT OF SUBSIDIES.—For

2   each fiscal year, the total amount of loan sub-

3   sidies made by a State under subparagraph (A)

4   may not exceed 30 percent of the amount of the

5   capitalization grant received by the State for

6   the year.

7   "(3) PRIORITY.—In making assistance available

8 under this section for the upgrading of wastewater

9 treatment facilities, a State may give priority to a

10 distressed community.".

11 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12   Section 119(f) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-

13 trol Act (as redesignated by section 3 of this Act) is

14 amended—

15   (1) in paragraph (1), by striking "1991

16 through 2001" and inserting "2000 through 2003";

17 and

18   (2) in paragraph (2), by striking "not to exceed

19 $3,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1991 through

20 2001" and inserting "not to exceed $80,000,000 for

21 each of fiscal years 2000 through 2003".

    Passed the House of Representatives May 9, 2000.

    Attest: JEFF TRANDAHL,

                                         Clerk.

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