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H. R. 3536

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2000

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Drinking Water Pro-
5 tection Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY OF HEALTH EFFECTS OF MTBE.**

2 The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting
3 through the Director of the National Institutes of Health,
4 shall conduct a comprehensive study of the potential
5 health effects of ingesting and inhaling Methyl Tertiary
6 Butyl Ether (MTBE). The Secretary shall report the re-
7 sults of such study to the Congress and the Administrator
8 of the Environmental Protection Agency.

9 **SEC. 3. RESEARCH REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF MTBE**
10 **FROM WATER SUPPLIES.**

11 The Administrator of the Environmental Protection
12 Agency is directed to carry out a research program regard-
13 ing methods available for the safe removal of Methyl Ter-
14 tiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) from drinking water supplies.

15 **SEC. 4. MONITORING BY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS.**

16 Section 1445(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Safe Drinking Water
17 Act is amended by adding the following at the end thereof:
18 “Notwithstanding the deadlines established in the pre-
19 ceding provisions of this clause, public water systems shall
20 commence monitoring for Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether
21 (MTBE) no later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
22 ment of this sentence.”.

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