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# H. R. 4198

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Safe Drinking Water  
5       for All Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO SAFE WATER DRINKING ACT.**

2 Section 1458(a) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42  
3 U.S.C. 300j–18(a)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1)—

5 (A) by striking “The Administrator” and  
6 inserting the following:

7 “(A) CONTINUING STUDIES.—The Admin-  
8 istrator”;

9 (B) in subparagraph (A) (as so des-  
10 igned), by striking “The study” and inserting  
11 “The studies”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
13 subparagraph:

14 “(B) SUBPOPULATION STUDIES.—With re-  
15 spect to infants, children, women, and pregnant  
16 women, the studies under subparagraph (A)  
17 shall provide for the following:

18 “(i) An evaluation of health  
19 endpoints, including morbidity endpoints  
20 and endocrine disruptors.

21 “(ii) With respect to the appropriate  
22 level of regulation for contaminants in  
23 drinking water, a cost-benefit analysis  
24 which accounts for the differential factors  
25 among individuals of all ages and evaluates  
26 the health endpoint.”;

1 (2) in paragraph (2)—

2 (A) by striking “Not later than” and in-  
3 serting the following:

4 “(A) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later  
5 than”; and

6 (B) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(B) REPORT TO PUBLIC.—With respect  
8 to the studies carried out pursuant to (1)(B),  
9 not later than 180 days after the date of the  
10 enactment of the Safe Drinking Water for All  
11 Act and periodically thereafter as new and sig-  
12 nificant information becomes available, the Ad-  
13 ministrator shall ensure that the results of such  
14 studies are available to the public and shall re-  
15 port to the Congress on the results of such  
16 studies, including statistics concerning all  
17 health endpoints and all contaminants as deter-  
18 mined by rates of occurrence by age and gen-  
19 der.”; and

20 (3) by inserting at the end the following:

21 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this subsection:

22 “(A) ENDOCRINE DISRUPTOR.—The term  
23 ‘endocrine disruptor’ means a foreign substance  
24 that changes endocrine function, such as levels  
25 of effective hormones in the body, and causes

1 adverse effects in a person or his or her chil-  
2 dren.

3 “(B) ENDPOINT.—The term ‘endpoint’  
4 means a measurable health effect that is caused  
5 by a foreign substance.

6 “(C) MORBIDITY.—The term ‘morbidity’,  
7 with respect to an endpoint, means an endpoint  
8 that does not result in death.”.

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