

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 757

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase certain criminal penalties, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2005

Mr. DINGELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Polluter Accountability  
5       Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT.**

7       (a) CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR NEGLIGENT VIOLA-  
8       TIONS.—Section 309(c)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution  
9       Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1319(c)(1)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “\$2,500” and inserting  
2 “\$5,000”;

3 (2) by striking “\$25,000” and inserting  
4 “\$50,000”; and

5 (3) by striking “\$50,000” and inserting  
6 “\$100,000”.

7 (b) CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR KNOWING VIOLA-  
8 TIONS.—Section 309(c)(2) of the Federal Water Pollution  
9 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1319(c)(2)) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “\$5,000” and inserting  
11 “\$15,000”;

12 (2) by striking “\$50,000” and inserting  
13 “\$250,000”; and

14 (3) by striking “\$100,000” and inserting  
15 “\$500,000”.

16 **SEC. 3. REFUSE ACT OF 1899.**

17 Section 16 of the Act of March 3, 1899 (33 U.S.C.  
18 411), relating to penalties for violations of the provision  
19 of law popularly known as the Refuse Act of 1899, is  
20 amended by striking “\$25,000” and inserting “\$75,000”.

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