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H. R. 6465

To authorize the incorporation of water quality improvement partnership programs into Federal Water Pollution Control Act NPDES permit programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 7, 2016

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee 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. WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PARTNER-**
4 **SHIPS.**

5 (a) NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMI-
6 NATION SYSTEM.—Section 402 of the Federal Water Pol-
7 lution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) is amended by adding
8 at the end the following:

1 “(s) WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PARTNER-
2 SHIPS.—A permit program administered under this sec-
3 tion may incorporate a water quality improvement part-
4 nership program that, consistent with the requirements of
5 this Act, encourages investment by publicly owned treat-
6 ment works and municipal separate storm sewer systems
7 in watershed-based projects to improve water quality.”.

8 (b) WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND IMPLEMENTA-
9 TION PLANS.—Section 303 of the Federal Water Pollution
10 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1313) is amended by adding at
11 the end the following:

12 “(j) WATERSHED-BASED RESTORATION WORK.—
13 Water quality improvement partnerships established pur-
14 suant to section 402(s) may be used by publicly owned
15 treatment works and municipal separate storm sewer sys-
16 tems to attain and maintain water quality standards, con-
17 sistent with the requirements of this Act.”.

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