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S. 462

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to publish a health advisory and submit reports with respect to microcystins in drinking water.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 11, 2015

Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 and Secure
5 Drinking Water Protection Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. MICROCYSTINS IN DRINKING WATER.**

7 (a) HEALTH ADVISORY.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
9 of the Environmental Protection Agency (referred to in

1 this Act as the “Administrator”) shall develop and publish
2 a health advisory including recommendations on—

3 (1)(A) the level of microcystins in drinking
4 water below which the water is expected to be safe
5 for human consumption; and

6 (B) feasible treatment techniques and other
7 means for achieving that level; and

8 (2) standardized procedures for testing for
9 microcystins in drinking water.

10 (b) REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days after the
11 date of enactment of this Act, and each year thereafter,
12 the Administrator shall submit to Congress a report that
13 includes—

14 (1) a description of the status of the efforts of
15 the Administrator to determine whether to regulate
16 drinking water with respect to the level of
17 microcystins;

18 (2) a description of the steps taken by the Ad-
19 ministrator to promote testing of drinking water for
20 microcystins in areas that have been affected by
21 harmful algal blooms; and

22 (3) an analysis of available treatment tech-
23 niques and other means for addressing microcystins
24 in drinking water.

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