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H. R. 5030

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for technical assistance for small treatment works.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2018

Mr. HARPER 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Small and Rural Com-
5 munity Clean Water Technical Assistance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL TREATMENT**
7 **WORKS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Federal Water Pol-
9 lution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.) is amended
10 by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 222. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL TREAT-**
2 **MENT WORKS.**

3 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) QUALIFIED NONPROFIT SMALL TREAT-
5 MENT WORKS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER.—

6 The term ‘qualified nonprofit small treatment works
7 technical assistance provider’ means a nonprofit or-
8 ganization that, as determined by the Adminis-
9 trator—

10 “(A) is qualified and experienced in pro-
11 viding training and technical assistance to small
12 treatment works; and

13 “(B) the small treatment works in the
14 State finds to be the most beneficial and effec-
15 tive.

16 “(2) SMALL TREATMENT WORKS.—The term
17 ‘small treatment works’ means a publicly owned
18 treatment works serving not more than 10,000 indi-
19 viduals.

20 “(b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Administrator
21 may use amounts made available to carry out this section
22 to provide grants or cooperative agreements to qualified
23 nonprofit small treatment works technical assistance pro-
24 viders to provide to owners and operators of small treat-
25 ment works onsite technical assistance, circuit rider tech-
26 nical assistance programs, multi-State, regional technical

1 assistance programs, and onsite and regional training, to
 2 assist the small treatment works in achieving compliance
 3 with this Act or obtaining financing under this Act for
 4 eligible projects.

5 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 6 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
 7 for grants for small treatment works technical assistance,
 8 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022.

9 **“SEC. 223. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MEDIUM TREAT-**
 10 **MENT WORKS.**

11 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) MEDIUM TREATMENT WORKS.—The term
 13 ‘medium treatment works’ means a publicly owned
 14 treatment works serving not fewer than 10,001 and
 15 not more than 75,000 individuals.

16 “(2) QUALIFIED NONPROFIT MEDIUM TREAT-
 17 MENT WORKS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER.—
 18 The term ‘qualified nonprofit medium treatment
 19 works technical assistance provider’ means a quali-
 20 fied nonprofit technical assistance provider of water
 21 and wastewater services to medium-sized commu-
 22 nities that provides technical assistance (including
 23 circuit rider technical assistance programs, multi-
 24 State, regional assistance programs, and training
 25 and preliminary engineering evaluations) to owners

1 and operators of medium treatment works, which
2 may include a State agency.

3 “(b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Administrator
4 may use amounts made available to carry out this section
5 to provide grants or cooperative agreements to qualified
6 nonprofit medium treatment works technical assistance
7 providers to provide to owners and operators of medium
8 treatment works onsite technical assistance, circuit-rider
9 technical assistance programs, multi-State, regional tech-
10 nical assistance programs, and onsite and regional train-
11 ing to assist medium treatment works that are facing dif-
12 ficulty in achieving compliance with this Act or obtaining
13 financing under this Act for eligible projects.

14 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
15 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
16 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022.”.

17 (b) WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING LOAN
18 FUNDS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 603 of the Federal
20 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1383) is
21 amended—

22 (A) in subsection (d)—

23 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph
24 (1), by inserting “and as provided in sub-
25 section (e)” after “State law”;

1 (ii) by redesignating subsections (e)
2 through (i) as subsections (f) through (j),
3 respectively; and

4 (iii) by inserting after subsection (d)
5 the following:

6 “(e) ADDITIONAL USE OF FUNDS.—A State may use
7 an additional 2 percent of the funds annually allotted to
8 the State under this section for qualified nonprofit small
9 treatment works technical assistance providers (as the
10 term is defined in section 222) and qualified nonprofit me-
11 dium treatment works technical assistance providers (as
12 the term is defined in section 223) to provide technical
13 assistance to small treatment works (as the term is de-
14 fined in section 222) and medium treatment works (as the
15 term is defined in section 223) in the State.”.

16 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
17 221(d) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
18 (33 U.S.C. 1301(d)) is amended by striking “section
19 603(h)” and inserting “section 603(i)”.

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