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H. R. 3255

To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to develop guidance for identifying high-risk locations to focus lead reduction efforts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 “Lead Elimination and
5 Data Guidance Act” or the “LEAD Guidance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION OF HIGH-RISK LOCATIONS.**

7 (a) DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDANCE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with the dead-
2 line established in subsection (b), the Administrator
3 of the Environmental Protection Agency shall de-
4 velop guidance to help public water systems identify
5 high-risk locations for purposes of focusing efforts
6 to—

7 (A) test drinking water for the concentra-
8 tion of lead in such drinking water; and

9 (B) replace lead service lines.

10 (2) USE OF DATA.—The guidance developed
11 under paragraph (1) shall include information on
12 how a public water system may use data from the
13 American Community Survey conducted by the De-
14 partment of Commerce and, where available,
15 geospatial data to identify high-risk locations for the
16 purposes described in subsection (a).

17 (b) AVAILABILITY OF GUIDANCE.—Not later than
18 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Ad-
19 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
20 shall—

21 (1) publish the guidance developed under sub-
22 section (a) in the Federal Register; and

23 (2) make such guidance available on a publicly
24 accessible website.

1 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
2 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Envi-
3 ronmental Protection Agency shall submit to the Com-
4 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
5 resentatives and the appropriate committee of the Senate
6 a report that—

7 (1) includes the guidance developed under sub-
8 section (a);

9 (2) describes the methodology used to develop
10 such guidance; and

11 (3) provides information about who was con-
12 sulted in the development of such guidance.

13 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

14 (1) HIGH-RISK LOCATION.—The term “high-
15 risk location” means an area—

16 (A) that is likely to have lead service lines;
17 and

18 (B) in which an environmental justice com-
19 munity is located.

20 (2) LEAD SERVICE LINE.—The term “lead serv-
21 ice line” has the meaning given such term in section
22 1459B(a) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
23 U.S.C. 300j–19b(a)).

24 (3) PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM.—The term “public
25 water system” has the meaning given such term in

1 section 1401 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
2 U.S.C. 300f).

