

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 7206

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include algal blooms in the definition of a major disaster, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 24, 2022

Mr. DONALDS (for himself, Mr. MAST, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. POSEY, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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 “Protecting Commu-
5 nities from Harmful Algal Blooms Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALGAL BLOOMS.**

2 Section 102(2) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
3 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122(2))
4 is amended by striking “or drought” and inserting
5 “drought, or algal blooms”.

6 **SEC. 3. IMPACTS OF ALGAL BLOOMS ON AIR QUALITY.**

7 Not later than 365 days after the date of enactment
8 of this Act, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control
9 and Prevention shall submit to the Committee on Environ-
10 ment and Public Works of the Senate, the Committee of
11 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, the
12 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
13 ate, the Committee on Oversight and Reform of the House
14 of Representatives, the Committee on Science, Space, and
15 Technology of the House of Representatives, and the Com-
16 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives a detailed study relating to the health effects
18 of exposure to cyanotoxins in the air that result from algal
19 blooms.

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