

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2173

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to wastewater infrastructure workforce development, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2021

Mr. STANTON 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 “Wastewater Workforce
5 Investment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE WORKFORCE IN-**
7 **VESTMENT.**

8 (a) REPORT TO CONGRESS ON PUBLICLY OWNED
9 TREATMENT WORKS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.—Sec-

tion 104(g) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
(33 U.S.C. 1251(g)) is amended—

(1) by striking “manpower” each place it appears and inserting “workforce”; and

(2) by amending paragraph (4) to read as follows—

“(4) REPORT TO CONGRESS ON PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Wastewater Workforce Investment Act, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report containing—

“(A) an assessment of the current and future workforce needs for publicly owned treatment works, including an estimate of the number of future positions needed for such treatment works and the technical skills and education needed for such positions;

“(B) a summary of actions taken by the Administrator, including Federal investments under this Act, that promote workforce development to address such needs; and

1 “(C) any recommendations of the Adminis-
2 trator to address such needs.”.

3 (b) ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.—Section 604 of the
4 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1384) is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(d) WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE WORKFORCE
7 DEVELOPMENT.—A State may reserve each fiscal year up
8 to 1 percent of the sums allotted to the State under this
9 section for the fiscal year to carry out workforce develop-
10 ment, training, and retraining activities described in sec-
11 tion 104(g).”.

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