# <sup>117TH CONGRESS</sup> 2D SESSION H.R. 7206

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> 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

- 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.
  - 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 Environment and Public Works of the Senate, the Committee of 10 11 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-12 13 ate, the Committee on Oversight and Reform of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Science, Space, and 14 15 Technology of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-16 resentatives a detailed study relating to the health effects 17 18 of exposure to cyanotoxins in the air that result from algal 19 blooms.