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To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate certain limitations with respect to pre-production plastic pellet pollution, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mrs. PELTOLA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KILMER, Mr. NADLER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. COHEN, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. SCHRIER, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. NICKEL, Mr. CARSON, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. SOTO, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. POCAN, and Mr. KIM of New Jersey) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Plastic Pellet Free
3 Waters Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS FOR WASTEWATER,
5 SPILLS, AND RUNOFF FROM PLASTIC POLY-
6 MER PRODUCTION FACILITIES, PLASTIC
7 MOLDING AND FORMING FACILITIES, AND
8 OTHER POINT SOURCES ASSOCIATED WITH
9 THE TRANSPORT AND PACKAGING OF PLAS-
10 TIC PELLETS OR OTHER PRE-PRODUCTION
11 PLASTIC MATERIALS.**

12 Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment
13 of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
14 tection Agency (referred to in this section as the “Admin-
15 istrator”) shall promulgate a final rule to ensure that—

16 (1) the discharge of plastic pellets or other pre-
17 production plastic materials (including discharge
18 into wastewater and other runoff) from facilities reg-
19 ulated under part 414 or 463 of title 40, Code of
20 Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of en-
21 actment of this Act), is prohibited;

22 (2) the discharge of plastic pellets or other pre-
23 production plastic materials (including discharge
24 into wastewater and other runoff) from a point
25 source (as defined in section 502 of the Federal
26 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1362)) that

1 makes, uses, packages, or transports those plastic
2 pellets and other pre-production plastic materials is
3 prohibited; and

4 (3) the requirements under paragraphs (1) and
5 (2) are reflected in—

6 (A) all wastewater, stormwater, and other
7 permits issued by the Administrator and State-
8 delegated programs under section 402 of the
9 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
10 1342) to facilities and other point sources (as
11 defined in section 502 of that Act (33 U.S.C.
12 1362)) that make, use, package, or transport
13 plastic pellets or other pre-production plastic
14 materials, as determined by the Administrator,
15 in addition to other applicable limits and stand-
16 ards; and

17 (B) all standards of performance promul-
18 gated under section 312(p) of the Federal
19 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
20 1322(p)) that are applicable to point sources
21 (as defined in section 502 of that Act (33
22 U.S.C. 1362)) that make, use, package, or
23 transport plastic pellets or other pre-production

1 plastic materials, as determined by the Admin-
2 istrator.

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