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H. R. 2776

To make certain municipalities eligible for grants under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TRAHAN (for herself, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. ROUDA, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. TRONE, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. RYAN, Mr. BEYER, and Mr. SERRANO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To make certain municipalities eligible for grants under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 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 “Stop Sewage Overflow
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SEWER OVERFLOW AND STORMWATER REUSE MU-**
7 **NICIPAL GRANTS.**

8 Section 221 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
9 Act (33 U.S.C. 1301) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “or”;

3 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-
4 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(5) is a municipality with high levels of sewage
7 in the rivers of such municipality.”;

8 (2) in subsection (d)—

9 (A) by striking “The Federal share” and
10 inserting the following:

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
12 graph (2), the Federal share”; and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(2) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of
16 the cost of activities carried out using amounts
17 from a grant made under subsection (a) for a
18 municipality described in subsection (b)(5) shall
19 be as follows:

20 “(i) Not less than 55 percent for mu-
21 nicipalities the affected residents of which
22 pay, on average, 2.0 percent or less of
23 their household income for sewer service.

24 “(ii) Not less than 60 percent for mu-
25 nicipalities the affected residents of which

1 pay, on average, more than 2.0 percent,
2 but not more than 2.5 percent, of their
3 household income for sewer service.

4 “(iii) Not less than 65 percent for
5 municipalities the affected residents of
6 which pay, on average, more than 2.5 per-
7 cent, but not more than 3.0 percent, of
8 their household income for sewer service.

9 “(iv) Not less than 70 percent for mu-
10 nicipalities the affected residents of which
11 pay, on average, more than 3.0 percent,
12 but not more than 3.5 percent, of their
13 household income for sewer service.

14 “(v) Not less than 75 percent for mu-
15 nicipalities the affected residents of which
16 pay, on average, more than 3.5 percent of
17 their household income for sewer service.

18 “(B) AFFECTED RESIDENTS DEFINED.—

19 For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘af-
20 fected resident’ means a resident of a munici-
21 pality who is in the 20th percentile of income
22 for the municipality.”; and

23 (3) in subsection (f)(1)—

24 (A) by striking “\$225,000,000” and in-
25 serting “\$500,000,000”; and

1 (B) by striking “2020” and inserting
2 “2030”.

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