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H. R. 3429

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for annual consumer confidence reports regarding contaminants in drinking water.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAXTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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 “Water Quality Public
5 Right-To-Know Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS.**

7 Section 1414(c) of title XIV of the Public Health
8 Service Act (the “Safe Drinking Water Act”) (42 U.S.C.
9 300g–3(c)) is amended by inserting “(1)” after “(c)”, by
10 redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs

1 (A) and (B), respectively, by redesignating subparagraphs
2 (A) and (B) of paragraphs (1) and (2) as clauses (i) and
3 (ii), respectively, by striking “this subsection” the first 2
4 places it appears and inserting “this paragraph” and by
5 adding the following new paragraph at the end thereof:

6 “(2) CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS BY
7 COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS.—

8 “(A) ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONSUMERS.—

9 The Administrator shall issue regulations with-
10 in 18 months after the date of the enactment
11 of this paragraph to require each community
12 water system to—

13 “(i) publish annually in one or more
14 local newspapers serving the area in which
15 customers of the system are located, and

16 “(ii) mail to each customer of the sys-
17 tem at least once annually

18 a report on the level of contaminants in the
19 drinking water purveyed by that system (here-
20 inafter in this paragraph referred to as a
21 ‘consumer confidence report’).

22 “(B) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The
23 consumer confidence reports required under
24 this paragraph shall include, but not be limited
25 to, each of the following—

1 “(i) Information on the source, con-
2 tent, and quality of the water purveyed.

3 “(ii) A plainly worded explanation of
4 the health implications of contaminants
5 which are present at levels that exceed the
6 maximum contaminant level goals or
7 health advisories.

8 “(iii) Information on compliance with
9 national primary drinking water regula-
10 tions.

11 “(v) Information on priority unregu-
12 lated contaminants to the extent that test-
13 ing methods and health effects information
14 are available (including levels of
15 cryptosporidium and radon where States
16 determine they may be found).

17 “(vi) For each contaminant present in
18 the drinking water supplied by the system,
19 a statement of the maximum contaminant
20 level that has been established under this
21 Act for that contaminant.

22 “(C) COVERAGE.—The local government
23 for a political subdivision in which customers of
24 a public water system are located may deter-
25 mine not to apply the mailing requirement of

1 subparagraph (A)(ii) to a community water sys-
2 tem serving fewer than 3,300 persons within
3 such political subdivision if such system—

4 “(i) informs its customers that the
5 system will not be complying with subpara-
6 graph (A)(ii),

7 “(ii) makes information available
8 upon request to the public regarding the
9 quality of the water supplied by such sys-
10 tem, and

11 “(iii) publishes the public notice re-
12 quired by subparagraph (A)(i) annually in
13 one or more local newspapers sold in such
14 political subdivision.

15 “(D) ALTERNATIVE FORM AND CON-
16 TENT.—A State exercising primary enforcement
17 responsibility may establish alternative require-
18 ments with respect to the form and content of
19 consumer confidence reports under this para-
20 graph.”.

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