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H. R. 6418

To amend certain provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LATTA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Drinking Water Af-
5 fordability Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT.**

7 (a) NATIONAL DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS.—

8 Section 1412(b)(9) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
9 U.S.C. 300g-1(b)(9)) is amended by striking the last sen-

1 tence and inserting “Any revision of a national primary
2 drinking water regulation shall be promulgated in accord-
3 ance with this section, including paragraphs (3) through
4 (6) of this subsection.”

5 (b) ENFORCEMENT OF DRINKING WATER REGULA-
6 TIONS.—Section 1414(h)(1)(C) of the Safe Drinking
7 Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300g-3(h)(1)(C)) is amended by in-
8 serting “or management” after “the transfer of owner-
9 ship”.

10 (c) STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS.—

11 (1) ASSISTANCE FOR DISADVANTAGED COMMU-
12 NITIES.—Section 1452(d)(2) of the Safe Drinking
13 Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12(d)(2)) is amended by
14 striking “30” and inserting “35”.

15 (2) TYPES OF ASSISTANCE.—Section 1452(f)(1)
16 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-
17 12(f)(1)) is amended—

18 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)
19 and (D) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respec-
20 tively;

21 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (B)
22 the following new subparagraph:

23 “(C) each loan will be fully amortized not
24 later than 30 years after the completion of the
25 project, except that in the case of a disadvan-

1 tagged community (as defined in subsection
2 (d)(3)) a State may provide an extended term
3 for a loan, if the extended term—

4 “(i) terminates not later than the date
5 that is 40 years after the date of project
6 completion; and

7 “(ii) does not exceed the expected de-
8 sign life of the project;”; and

9 (C) in subparagraph (B), by striking “1
10 year after completion of the project for which
11 the loan was made” and all that follows
12 through “design life of the project;” and insert-
13 ing “18 months after completion of the project
14 for which the loan was made;”.

15 (3) ADMINISTRATION OF STATE LOAN
16 FUNDS.—Section 1452(g)(2) of the Safe Drinking
17 Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12(g)(2)) is amended—

18 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking the
19 comma and inserting a period; and

20 (B) in the matter following subparagraph
21 (D), by striking “if the State matches” through
22 “fiscal year 1993.”.

23 (4) OTHER AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—Section
24 1452(k)(1)(C) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
25 U.S.C. 300j-12(k)(1)(C)) is amended by striking

1 “for fiscal years 1996 and 1997” and all that fol-
2 lows through the period at the end and inserting
3 “for fiscal years 2018 through 2024 to delineate, as-
4 sess, update assessments, and undertake implemen-
5 tation activities with respect to source water protec-
6 tion areas in accordance with the requirements of a
7 program approved under section 1453, excluding any
8 activity required to be conducted under the Federal
9 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et
10 seq.).”.

11 (d) EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL CROSS-CUTTING
12 REQUIREMENTS.—Part E of the Safe Drinking Water Act
13 (42 U.S.C. 300j et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
14 the following new section:

15 **“SEC. 1459A. EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL CROSS-CUTTING**
16 **REQUIREMENTS.**

17 “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Ad-
18 ministrator shall exempt a public water system that re-
19 ceives financial assistance pursuant to section 1452 from
20 a Federal cross-cutting requirement if the Administrator
21 determines that the State in which the public water system
22 is located has in effect a requirement which is as stringent
23 as the Federal cross-cutting requirement.”.

24 (e) DEFINITION OF FEDERAL CROSS-CUTTING RE-
25 QUIREMENT.—Section 1401 of the Safe Drinking Water

1 Act (42 U.S.C. 300f) is amended by adding at the end
2 the following new paragraph:

3 “(17) FEDERAL CROSS-CUTTING REQUIRE-
4 MENT.—The term ‘Federal cross-cutting require-
5 ment’ means a requirement of a Federal law or reg-
6 ulation, compliance with which is a condition on re-
7 ceipt of a loan or grant under this title, that, if ap-
8 plied to projects and activities receiving such finan-
9 cial assistance, would be redundant with a require-
10 ment of an applicable State or local law.”.

11 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

12 Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment
13 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
14 shall prepare and submit to Congress a report con-
15 taining—

16 (1) the results of a study of cost-effective and
17 economically feasible rehabilitation or replacement of
18 drinking water infrastructure to meet the goals of
19 the Safe Drinking Water Act; and

20 (2) an assessment of barriers that preclude
21 communities from using materials and technologies
22 studied pursuant to paragraph (1).