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To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for technical assistance for small treatment works.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2, 2017

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ENZI, and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

MAY 17, 2017

Reported by Mr. BARRASSO, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

A BILL

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for technical assistance for small treatment works.

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 “Small and Rural Com-
3 munity Clean Water Technical Assistance Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL TREATMENT**
5 **WORKS.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Title H of the Federal Water Pol-
7 lution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.) is amended
8 by adding at the end the following:

9 **“SEC. 222. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL TREAT-**
10 **MENT WORKS.**

11 “(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

12 “(1) **QUALIFIED NONPROFIT SMALL TREAT-**
13 **MENT WORKS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER.**—

14 The term ‘qualified nonprofit small treatment works
15 technical assistance provider’ means a nonprofit or-
16 ganization that, as determined by the Adminis-
17 trator—

18 “(A) is qualified and experienced in pro-
19 viding training and technical assistance to small
20 treatment works; and

21 “(B) the small treatment works in the
22 State finds to be the most beneficial and effec-
23 tive.

24 “(2) **SMALL TREATMENT WORKS.**—The term
25 ‘small treatment works’ means a publicly owned

1 treatment works serving not more than 10,000 indi-
 2 viduals.

3 “(b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Administrator
 4 may use amounts made available to carry out this section
 5 to provide grants or cooperative agreements to qualified
 6 nonprofit small treatment works technical assistance pro-
 7 viders to provide to owners and operators of small treat-
 8 ment works onsite technical assistance, circuit rider tech-
 9 nical assistance programs, multi-State, regional technical
 10 assistance programs, and onsite and regional training; to
 11 assist the small treatment works in achieving compliance
 12 with this Act or obtaining financing under this Act for
 13 eligible projects.

14 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 15 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
 16 for grants for small treatment works technical assistance,
 17 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022.”.

18 (b) WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING LOAN
 19 FUNDS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 603 of the Federal
 21 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1383) is
 22 amended—

23 (A) in subsection (d)—

1 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph
 2 (1), by inserting “and as provided in sub-
 3 section (e)” after “State law”;

4 (ii) by redesignating subsections (e)
 5 through (i) as subsections (f) through (j),
 6 respectively; and

7 (iii) by inserting after subsection (d)
 8 the following:

9 “(e) **ADDITIONAL USE OF FUNDS.**—A State may use
 10 an additional 2 percent of the funds annually allotted to
 11 the State under this section for qualified nonprofit small
 12 treatment works technical assistance providers (as the
 13 term is defined in section 222) to provide technical assist-
 14 ance to small treatment works (as the term is defined in
 15 section 222) in the State.”.

16 (2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section
 17 221(d) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
 18 (33 U.S.C. 1301(d)) is amended by striking “section
 19 603(h)” and inserting “section 603(i)”.

20 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

21 *This Act may be cited as the “Small and Rural Com-*
 22 *munity Clean Water Technical Assistance Act”.*

1 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL TREATMENT**
 2 **WORKS.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Title II of the Federal Water Pollu-*
 4 *tion Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.) is amended by*
 5 *adding at the end the following:*

6 **“SEC. 222. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL TREAT-**
 7 **MENT WORKS.**

8 “(a) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

9 “(1) *QUALIFIED NONPROFIT SMALL TREATMENT*
 10 *WORKS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER.*—*The term*
 11 *‘qualified nonprofit small treatment works technical*
 12 *assistance provider’ means a nonprofit organization*
 13 *that, as determined by the Administrator—*

14 “(A) *is qualified and experienced in pro-*
 15 *viding training and technical assistance to small*
 16 *treatment works; and*

17 “(B) *the small treatment works in the State*
 18 *finds to be the most beneficial and effective.*

19 “(2) *SMALL TREATMENT WORKS.*—*The term*
 20 *‘small treatment works’ means a publicly owned*
 21 *treatment works serving not more than 10,000 indi-*
 22 *viduals.*

23 “(b) *TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.*—*The Administrator*
 24 *may use amounts made available to carry out this section*
 25 *to provide grants or cooperative agreements to qualified*
 26 *nonprofit small treatment works technical assistance pro-*

1 *viders to provide to owners and operators of small treat-*
 2 *ment works onsite technical assistance, circuit rider tech-*
 3 *nical assistance programs, multi-State, regional technical*
 4 *assistance programs, and onsite and regional training, to*
 5 *assist the small treatment works in achieving compliance*
 6 *with this Act or obtaining financing under this Act for eli-*
 7 *gible projects.*

8 “(c) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are*
 9 *authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section for*
 10 *grants for small treatment works technical assistance,*
 11 *\$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022.*

12 **“SEC. 223. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MEDIUM TREAT-**
 13 **MENT WORKS.**

14 “(a) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

15 “(1) *MEDIUM TREATMENT WORKS.—The term*
 16 *‘medium treatment works’ means a publicly owned*
 17 *treatment works serving not fewer than 10,001, and*
 18 *not more than 75,000, individuals.*

19 “(2) *QUALIFIED NONPROFIT MEDIUM TREAT-*
 20 *MENT WORKS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER.—*
 21 *The term ‘qualified nonprofit medium treatment*
 22 *works technical assistance provider’ means a qualified*
 23 *nonprofit technical assistance provider of water and*
 24 *wastewater services to medium-sized communities that*
 25 *provides technical assistance (including circuit rider*

1 *technical assistance programs, multi-State, regional*
2 *assistance programs, and training and preliminary*
3 *engineering evaluations) to owners and operators of*
4 *medium treatment works, which may include a State*
5 *agency.*

6 “(b) *TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Administrator*
7 *may use amounts made available to carry out this section*
8 *to provide grants or cooperative agreements to qualified*
9 *nonprofit medium treatment works technical assistance*
10 *providers to provide to owners and operators of medium*
11 *treatment works onsite technical assistance, circuit-rider*
12 *technical assistance programs, multi-State, regional tech-*
13 *nical assistance programs, and onsite and regional training*
14 *to assist medium treatment works that are facing difficulty*
15 *in achieving compliance with this Act or obtaining financ-*
16 *ing under this Act for eligible projects.*

17 “(c) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is*
18 *authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section*
19 *\$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022.”.*

20 (b) *WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING LOAN*
21 *FUNDS.—*

22 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Section 603 of the Federal*
23 *Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1383) is*
24 *amended—*

25 (A) *in subsection (d)—*

1 (i) *in the matter preceding paragraph*
2 (1), *by inserting “and as provided in sub-*
3 *section (e)” after “State law”;*

4 (ii) *by redesignating subsections (e)*
5 *through (i) as subsections (f) through (j), re-*
6 *spectively; and*

7 (iii) *by inserting after subsection (d)*
8 *the following:*

9 “(e) *ADDITIONAL USE OF FUNDS.—A State may use*
10 *an additional 2 percent of the funds annually allotted to*
11 *the State under this section for qualified nonprofit small*
12 *treatment works technical assistance providers (as the term*
13 *is defined in section 222) and qualified nonprofit medium*
14 *treatment works technical assistance providers (as the term*
15 *in defined in section 223) to provide technical assistance*
16 *to small treatment works (as the term is defined in section*
17 *222) and medium treatment works (as the term is defined*
18 *in section 223) in the State.”.*

19 (2) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 221(d)*
20 *of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.*
21 *1301(d)) is amended by striking “section 603(h)” and*
22 *inserting “section 603(i)”.*

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