

HR 5734

Great Lakes Water Protection Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. (Jun 30, 2006)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 30, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Great Lakes Water Protection Act - Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (popularly known as the Clean Water Act) to prohibit publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) from intentionally diverting waste streams to bypass any portion of the treatment facility if the diversion results in a discharge into the Great Lakes unless: (1) the bypass is unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage; (2) there is no feasible alternative; and (3) the treatment works provides notice; or (4) the bypass does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded and is for essential maintenance to ensure efficient operation of the treatment facility.

Requires: (1) such notice to be provided to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (or to a state with an approved permit program) prior to an anticipated bypass or within 24 hours of becoming aware of an unanticipated bypass; and (2) follow-up notice regarding the cause and duration of, volume of discharge resulting from, and public access areas affected by an unanticipated bypass.

Includes among prohibited bypasses those resulting in discharges from a POTW that consist of effluent routed around treatment units and blended with effluent from treatment units prior to discharge.

Directs the Administrator to establish procedures to ensure that permits issued to POTWs under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System include requirements to implement this Act.

Provides a maximum civil penalty for violations.

Establishes the Great Lakes Cleanup Fund from which amounts shall be provided for improving wastewater discharges.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 30, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jun 29, 2006:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 29, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1320-1321)
- **Jun 29, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
- **Jun 28, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H4687)

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