

HR 1068

Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 2017

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 17, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 7078	Related bill	Oct 19, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
115 HR 6818	Related bill	Sep 13, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
115 HR 2479	Related bill	May 22, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
115 HR 4907	Related bill	Feb 2, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
115 HR 4908	Related bill	Feb 2, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
115 HR 3106	Related bill	Jul 14, 2017: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H5870)
115 HR 2012	Related bill	Apr 7, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
115 HR 1579	Related bill	Mar 17, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
115 HR 1071	Related bill	Feb 17, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.

Summary (as of Feb 15, 2017)

Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 2016

This bill amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to revise regulations for drinking water contaminants, including by:

- requiring the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine whether or not to regulate no fewer than 10 contaminants every 3 years (current law requires 5 contaminants every 5 years);
- revising the process and requirements for setting maximum containment levels in national primary drinking water regulations;
- directing the EPA to revise national primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper;
- setting deadlines for the EPA to publish maximum contaminant level goals and promulgate national drinking water regulations for perchlorate, perfluorinated compounds, and microcystin (algal) toxin;
- establishing grant programs for reducing lead in drinking water in schools;
- requiring community water systems to assess their vulnerabilities to contamination, including vulnerabilities from climate change or sabotage, and develop plans for addressing those vulnerabilities;
- establishing the Drinking Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Program, under which the EPA may award grants for community water systems to increase their resiliency to those threats;
- removing a regulatory exemption for hydraulic fracturing;
- requiring the EPA to develop a strategic plan for assessing and managing the risks of drought to drinking water provided by public water systems;
- revising requirements for the drinking water state revolving fund (SRF);
- creating a process for consolidating water systems that repeatedly fail to comply with drinking water standards;
- requiring the EPA to create an inventory of data about drinking water violations;
- directing the EPA to revise regulations for consumer confidence reports;
- establishing research grants for monitoring technology; and
- requiring the EPA to study the presence of pharmaceuticals and personal care products in drinking water sources.

The bill reauthorizes specified programs under the Act, including reauthorizing through FY2022 the SRF.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 17, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
- **Feb 15, 2017:** Introduced in House
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