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H. R. 5673

To authorize the President to provide major disaster assistance for
contamination of drinking water from public water systems.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE (for himself and Mrs. BUSTOS) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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ance for contamination of drinking water from public
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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 Dis-
5 aster Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO USE DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the definition of
8 the term “major disaster” in section 102 of the Robert
9 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
10 (42 U.S.C. 5122), the President may, upon the request

1 of a Governor of a State, declare under section 401 of
2 that Act (42 U.S.C. 5170) that a major disaster exists
3 as a result of contamination of drinking water from a pub-
4 lic water system (as defined in section 1401 of the Safe
5 Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f)).

6 (b) REGULATIONS.—Notwithstanding subchapter II
7 of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code, and not later
8 than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
9 Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the Ad-
10 ministrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agen-
11 cy, shall promulgate regulations to carry out the authority
12 described in subsection (a).

13 (c) COORDINATION.—In the case of a major disaster
14 declared under subsection (a), the Federal coordinating of-
15 ficer appointed under section 302 of the Robert T. Staf-
16 ford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
17 U.S.C. 5143) shall ensure that the coordination of admin-
18 istration of relief required under subsection (b) of that sec-
19 tion includes, at a minimum, coordination with—

20 (1) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
21 ices;

22 (2) the Secretary of the Army, acting through
23 the Chief of Engineers;

24 (3) the Administrator of the Environmental
25 Protection Agency; and

1 (4) the head of any other relevant agency.

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