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H. R. 3287

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to award grants to improve wastewater treatment for certain unincorporated communities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 14, 1993

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. SKEEN, and Mr. RICHARDSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation

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 “Unincorporated
5 Community Wastewater Treatment Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) as of the date of enactment of this Act,
2 there is a severe lack of wastewater treatment facili-
3 ties in small, semi-rural, unincorporated commu-
4 nities in the United States;

5 (2) the lack of facilities is leading to the pollu-
6 tion of rivers and ground water in the area; and

7 (3) the pollution presents a potential threat to
8 the public health of such communities.

9 **SEC. 3. GRANTS TO UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES.**

10 Title V of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
11 (33 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) is amended—

12 (1) by redesignating section 519 as section 520;
13 and

14 (2) by inserting after section 518 the following
15 new section:

16 **“SEC. 519. GRANTS TO UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES.**

17 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the fol-
18 lowing definitions apply:

19 “(1) CONSTRUCTION.—The term ‘construction’
20 has the meaning such term has under section
21 212(1).

22 “(2) NON-METROPOLITAN AREA.—The term
23 ‘non-metropolitan area’ means any area in a State
24 no part of which is within an area designated as a

1 metropolitan statistical area by the Office of Man-
2 agement and Budget.

3 “(3) TREATMENT WORKS.—The term ‘treat-
4 ment works’ has the meaning such term has under
5 section 212(2).

6 “(b) AUTHORIZATION FOR GRANT AWARDS.—Not-
7 withstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator
8 is authorized to award a grant for wastewater treatment
9 to an unincorporated community, without regard to
10 whether or not the community is located in a metropolitan
11 statistical area, for a wastewater treatment project that
12 serves a population—

13 “(1) of 20,000 or fewer residents; and

14 “(2) with a median household income that is
15 less than or equal to 110 percent of the median
16 household income for non-metropolitan areas of the
17 State in which the community is located.

18 “(c) USE OF GRANT.—A grant awarded under this
19 section may be used for 1 or more of the following activi-
20 ties:

21 “(1) The acquisition or construction (including
22 planning, design, repair, extension, improvement, al-
23 teration, or reconstruction) of a treatment works or
24 any portion or any associated structure of a treat-
25 ment works (including any associated collection line

1 or interceptor sewer, notwithstanding any limitation
2 otherwise imposed with respect to the provision of
3 assistance for the line or sewer).

4 “(2) The acquisition of land, or any easement
5 or other right-of-way with respect to which the recip-
6 ient of the grant is not the owner at the time of the
7 acquisition and which is necessary to carry out the
8 construction or operation of the treatment works.

9 “(3) The final disposal of residues resulting
10 from the treatment of water or waste.

11 “(4) The disposal of wastewater by surface or
12 underground methods (or both).

13 “(5) The disposal of wastewater through recy-
14 cling or reclamation (or both).

15 “(d) COST-SHARING.—

16 “(1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of a
17 grant under this section shall not exceed 75 percent
18 of the total cost of the project that is the subject of
19 the grant.

20 “(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—Payment of the
21 non-Federal share of a grant under this section may
22 be satisfied by any combination of public or private
23 funds or in-kind services. The non-Federal share
24 may include public funds authorized or expended for
25 the project that is the subject of the grant during

1 the period beginning on the date that is 3 years be-
2 fore the date of the enactment of the Unincor-
3 porated Community Wastewater Treatment Act of
4 1993.

5 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 are authorized to be appropriated to the Environmental
7 Protection Agency to carry out this section such sums as
8 may be necessary for each of fiscal years 1994 through
9 2000.”.

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