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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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. SAFE DRINKING WATER STANDARD FOR SUL-**
4 **FATE.**

5 (a) ADDITIONAL RESEARCH.—Prior to promulgating
6 a national primary drinking water regulation for sulfate
7 under title XIV of the Public Health Service Act the Ad-
8 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and
9 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control shall joint-
10 ly conduct additional research to establish a reliable dose-

1 response relationship for the adverse health effects that
2 may result from exposure to sulfate in drinking water, in-
3 cluding the health effects that may be experienced by
4 groups within the general population (including infants
5 and travelers) that are potentially at greater risk of ad-
6 verse health effects as the result of such exposure. The
7 research shall be conducted in consultation with interested
8 States, shall be based on the best available, peer-reviewed
9 science and supporting studies conducted in accordance
10 with sound and objective scientific practices and shall be
11 completed not later than 30 months after the date of en-
12 actment of this paragraph.

13 (b) PROPOSED AND FINAL RULE.—Prior to promul-
14 gating a national primary drinking water regulation for
15 sulfate under title XIV of the Public Health Service Act
16 and after consultation with interested States, the Adminis-
17 trator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall pub-
18 lish a notice of proposed rulemaking that shall supersede
19 the proposal published in December 1994. For purposes
20 of the proposed and final rule, the Administrator may
21 specify in the regulation requirements for public notifica-
22 tion and options for the provision of alternative water sup-
23 plies to populations at risk as a means of complying with
24 the regulation in lieu of a best available treatment tech-
25 nology or other means. The Administrator shall, pursuant

1 to the authorities of this subsection and after notice and
2 opportunity for public comment, promulgate a final na-
3 tional primary drinking water regulation for sulfate not
4 later than 48 months after the date of enactment of this
5 Act.

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