

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 10335

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase certain criminal fines, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 10, 2024

Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself and Ms. TLAIB) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Clean Water Justice
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**

2 Section 309(c)(2) of the Federal Water Pollution
3 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1319(c)(2)) is amended, in the
4 matter following subparagraph (B)—

5 (1) by striking “\$5,000” and inserting
6 “\$25,000 (subject to adjustments under this para-
7 graph)”;

8 (2) by striking “\$50,000” and inserting
9 “\$250,000 (subject to adjustments under this para-
10 graph)”;

11 (3) by striking “\$100,000” and inserting
12 “\$500,000 (subject to adjustments under this para-
13 graph)”;

14 (4) by adding at the end the following: “The
15 Administrator shall annually adjust the maximum
16 penalties under this paragraph by the percentage (if
17 any) by which the Consumer Price Index for all-
18 urban consumers published by the Department of
19 Labor for the month of October preceding the date
20 of the adjustment exceeds such Consumer Price
21 Index for the month of October in the preceding
22 year, and shall publish each such adjustment in the
23 Federal Register. An adjustment shall apply only
24 with regard to a violation committed after the date
25 of such publication.”.