

107TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3510

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide for the stockpiling of potassium iodide tablets in the United States in areas within a 50-mile radius of the homeport of a naval vessel operated by nuclear power.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18, 2001

Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Community Assistance  
5       for Radiation Emergencies (CARE) Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STOCKPILING OF POTASSIUM IODIDE TABLETS IN**  
2 **AREAS SURROUNDING HOMEPORTS OF NU-**  
3 **CLEAR-POWERED NAVAL VESSELS.**

4 Subtitle A of title VI of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-  
5 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 5196 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 **“SEC. 616. STOCKPILING OF POTASSIUM IODIDE TABLETS**  
9 **IN AREAS SURROUNDING HOMEPORTS OF**  
10 **NUCLEAR-POWERED NAVAL VESSELS.**

11 “(a) DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN.—The Director, jointly  
12 with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and other appro-  
13 priate Federal agencies, shall develop a plan for stock-  
14 piling potassium iodide tablets in the United States in  
15 areas within a 50-mile radius of the homeport of a naval  
16 vessel operated by nuclear power.

17 “(b) CONTENTS.—The plan shall include a strategy  
18 for the efficient storage and prompt delivery of potassium  
19 iodide tablets to persons that may be affected by a disaster  
20 involving a naval vessel operated by nuclear power.

21 “(c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year  
22 after the date of enactment of this section, the Director  
23 shall transmit the plan to Congress.

24 “(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Following the 60-day pe-  
25 riod beginning on the date of transmittal of the plan under

- 1 subsection (c), the Director shall begin implementation of
- 2 the plan.”.

