

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3122

To amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to direct the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to issue a regulation prohibiting a vessel with a ballast water tank from entering the Great Lakes if more than 5 percent of the capacity of the tank contains ballast water.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2003

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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 “Great Lakes Water
5 Protection Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO NONINDIGENOUS AQUATIC NUI-**
2 **SANCE PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT.**

3 (a) PROHIBITION ON ENTRY OF CERTAIN VESSELS
4 INTO THE GREAT LAKES.—Section 1101(b) of the Non-
5 indigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act
6 of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4711(b)) is amended by adding at the
7 end the following:

8 “(5) PROHIBITION ON ENTRY OF CERTAIN VES-
9 SELS INTO THE GREAT LAKES.—In addition to pro-
10 mulgating regulations under paragraph (1) and (3),
11 the Secretary shall issue, not later than 30 days
12 after the date of enactment of this paragraph, a reg-
13 ulation that prohibits any vessel with a ballast water
14 tank from entering the Great Lakes if more than 5
15 percent of the capacity of the tank contains ballast
16 water.”.

17 (b) CERTIFICATION.—Paragraph (2)(E) of such sec-
18 tion is amended by inserting before the semicolon at the
19 end “and the regulation issued under paragraph (5)”.

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