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S. 675

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to prohibit the sale of dishwashing detergent in the United States if the detergent contains a high level of phosphorus, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 24, 2009

Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. FEINGOLD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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. PROHIBITION ON SALE OF CERTAIN DISH-**
4 **WASHING DETERGENT.**

5 Section 303 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
6 Act (33 U.S.C. 1313) is amended by adding at the end
7 the following:

1 “(j) PROHIBITION ON SALE OF CERTAIN DISH-
2 WASHING DETERGENT.—Effective beginning July 1,
3 2010, the Administrator shall prohibit the sale of residen-
4 tial dishwashing detergent in the United States if the de-
5 tergent contains phosphorus in any form in excess of 0.5
6 percent (by weight expressed as elemental phosphorus).”.

7 **SEC. 2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NUTRIENT MANAGE-**
8 **MENT.**

9 As soon as practicable after the date of enactment
10 of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
11 tection Agency, in consultation with the heads of other ap-
12 propriate Federal agencies (including the National Oce-
13 anic and Atmospheric Administration), States, and local
14 government entities, shall—

15 (1) conduct a review of available scientific infor-
16 mation pertaining to nutrient excesses in the Great
17 Lakes; and

18 (2) submit to Congress a report that contains
19 recommendations for action to be taken by the Ad-
20 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
21 to address nutrient excesses in the Great Lakes.

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