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H. R. 836

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2013

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Sunshine on Conflicts
5 Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPROVAL BY DISINTERESTED BOARD MEMBERS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402(a) of the Federal
3 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1342(a)) is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(6) Not later than 60 days after the date of the en-
6 actment of this paragraph, the Administrator shall issue
7 a rule to prohibit any member of a board or body that
8 approves permit applications or portions thereof from vot-
9 ing upon, or seeking to influence, the approval of any per-
10 mit in which that member has a direct or indirect financial
11 interest, as defined in applicable State law.”.

12 (b) NO FORCE OR EFFECT OF EXISTING REGULA-
13 TION.—Section 123.25(c) of title 40, Code of Federal Reg-
14 ulations, shall have no further force or effect after the ear-
15 liest of the date on which a rule is issued under section
16 402(a)(6) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33
17 U.S.C. 1342(a)(6)) or the end of the 120-day period be-
18 ginning on the date of the enactment of this section.

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