

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 6169

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to permit removal to United States district courts of certain civil actions filed in State courts.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

Mr. BOUSTANY 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

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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 “Ending Legacy Law-  
5 suit Abuse Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF CIVIL ACTIONS FILED IN STATE**  
2 **COURTS.**

3 The Federal Water Pollution Control Act is amended  
4 by inserting after section 505 (33 U.S.C. 1365) the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 **“SEC. 505A. REMOVAL OF CIVIL ACTIONS FILED IN STATE**  
7 **COURTS.**

8 “Any civil action filed in a State court that involves  
9 a claim of environmental contamination that impacts or  
10 threatens to impact any waters of the United States sub-  
11 ject to the jurisdiction of the Corps of Engineers may be  
12 removed by the defendant to the United States district  
13 court for the district in which the civil action is pending.”.

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