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# H. R. 5548

To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on the presence of pharmaceuticals and personal care products in sources of drinking water.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 18, 2018

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “Water, Cosmetics, and  
5 Unwanted Pharmaceuticals Study Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESENCE OF PHARMACEUTICALS AND PERSONAL**  
2 **CARE PRODUCTS IN SOURCES OF DRINKING**  
3 **WATER.**

4 Subsection (a) of section 1442 of the Safe Drinking  
5 Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-1) is amended by adding at  
6 the end the following:

7 “(11) PRESENCE OF PHARMACEUTICALS AND PER-  
8 SONAL CARE PRODUCTS IN SOURCES OF DRINKING  
9 WATER.—

10 “(A) STUDY.—The Administrator shall carry  
11 out a study on the presence of pharmaceuticals and  
12 personal care products in sources of drinking water,  
13 which shall—

14 “(i) identify pharmaceuticals and personal  
15 care products that have been detected in  
16 sources of drinking water and the levels at  
17 which such pharmaceuticals and personal care  
18 products have been detected;

19 “(ii) identify the sources of pharma-  
20 ceuticals and personal care products in sources  
21 of drinking water, including point sources and  
22 nonpoint sources of pharmaceutical and per-  
23 sonal care products;

24 “(iii) identify the effects of such pharma-  
25 ceuticals and personal care products on hu-

1           mans, the environment, and the safety of drink-  
2           ing water; and

3                   “(iv) identify methods to control, limit,  
4           treat, or prevent the presence of such pharma-  
5           ceuticals and personal care products.

6                   “(B) CONSULTATION.—The Administrator shall  
7           conduct the study described in subparagraph (A) in  
8           consultation with the Secretary of Health and  
9           Human Services (acting through the Commissioner  
10          of Food and Drugs), the Director of the United  
11          States Geological Survey, the heads of other appro-  
12          priate Federal agencies (including the National In-  
13          stitute of Environmental Health Sciences), and other  
14          interested stakeholders (including manufacturers of  
15          pharmaceuticals and personal care products and  
16          consumer groups and advocates).

17                   “(C) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after  
18          the date of the enactment of this paragraph, the Ad-  
19          ministrator shall submit to the Congress a report on  
20          the results of the study carried out under this para-  
21          graph.

22                   “(D) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

23                           “(i) The term ‘personal care product’ has  
24           the meaning given the term ‘cosmetic’ in section

1           201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic  
2           Act.

3           “(ii) The term ‘pharmaceutical’ has the  
4           meaning given the term ‘drug’ in section 201 of  
5           the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.”.

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