

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3817

To cancel the registration of all uses of the pesticide paraquat, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 2019

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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 “Protect Against
5 Paraquat Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION OF PARAQUAT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to section 6(b) of the
8 Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7

1 U.S.C. 136d(b)), effective on the date of the enactment
2 of this Act—

3 (1) paraquat shall be deemed to generally cause
4 unreasonable adverse effects to humans in part due
5 to its acute systemic toxicity and for being a known
6 neurotoxin which causes Parkinson’s disease;

7 (2) the Administrator of the Environmental
8 Protection Agency shall cancel the registration of all
9 uses of paraquat; and

10 (3) following such cancellation, the Adminis-
11 trator shall, in accordance with section 408(l)(2) of
12 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
13 U.S.C. 346a(l)(2)), revoke any tolerance or exemp-
14 tion that allows the presence of paraquat or any pes-
15 ticide chemical residue that results from its use, in
16 or on food.

17 (b) USE OF EXISTING STOCKS.—Notwithstanding
18 section 6(a) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and
19 Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136d(a)), effective on the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the continued sale and use
21 of existing stocks of paraquat is prohibited.

22 (c) REREGISTRATION.—Effective on the date of the
23 enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Environ-
24 mental Protection Agency may not reregister paraquat

- 1 under section 4 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and
- 2 Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136a-1).

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