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118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to the procedure for the development of water quality criteria, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. OWENS (for himself and Mr. ROUZER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Quality Criteria  
5 Development and Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES.**

2 Section 304(a) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-  
3 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1314(a)) is amended by adding at the  
4 end the following:

5 “(10) ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE.—After  
6 the date of enactment of this paragraph, the Admin-  
7 istrator shall issue any new or revised water quality  
8 criteria under paragraph (1) or (9) by rule.”.

9 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE AND JUDICIAL RE-**  
10 **VIEW.**

11 Section 509(b)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution  
12 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1369(b)(1)) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “section 402, and” and inserting  
14 “section 402,”; and

15 (2) by inserting “and (H) in issuing any cri-  
16 teria for water quality pursuant to section  
17 304(a)(10),” after “strategy under section 304(l),”.