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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CARTWRIGHT 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 “Focused Reduction of  
5 Effluence and Stormwater runoff through Hydrofracking  
6 Environmental Regulation Act of 2021” or the “FRESH-  
7 ER Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. STORMWATER RUNOFF FROM OIL, GAS, AND MIN-**  
2 **ING OPERATIONS.**

3 (a) LIMITATION ON PERMIT REQUIREMENT.—Sec-  
4 tion 402(l) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33  
5 U.S.C. 1342) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and  
6 redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2).

7 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 502 of the Federal Water  
8 Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1362) is amended—

9 (1) by striking paragraph (24); and

10 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (25) through  
11 (27) as paragraphs (24) through (26), respectively.

12 (c) STUDY.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-  
14 rior shall conduct a study of stormwater impacts  
15 with respect to any area that the Secretary deter-  
16 mines may be contaminated by stormwater runoff  
17 associated with oil or gas operations, which shall in-  
18 clude—

19 (A) an analysis of measurable contamina-  
20 tion in such area;

21 (B) an analysis of ground water resources  
22 in such area; and

23 (C) an analysis of the susceptibility of  
24 aquifers in such area to contamination from  
25 stormwater runoff associated with such oper-  
26 ations.

1           (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
2           date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall  
3           submit to Congress a report on the results of studies  
4           conducted under paragraph (1).