

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6616

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase certain criminal fines, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2025

Ms. BARRAGÁN 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

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 “Clean Water Justice
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**

7 Section 309(c)(2) of the Federal Water Pollution
8 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1319(c)(2)) is amended, in the
9 matter following subparagraph (B)—

1 (1) by striking “\$5,000” and inserting
2 “\$25,000 (subject to adjustments under this para-
3 graph)”;

4 (2) by striking “\$50,000” and inserting
5 “\$250,000 (subject to adjustments under this para-
6 graph)”;

7 (3) by striking “\$100,000” and inserting
8 “\$500,000 (subject to adjustments under this para-
9 graph)”; and

10 (4) by adding at the end the following: “The
11 Administrator shall annually adjust the maximum
12 penalties under this paragraph by the percentage (if
13 any) by which the Consumer Price Index for all-
14 urban consumers published by the Department of
15 Labor for the month of October preceding the date
16 of the adjustment exceeds such Consumer Price
17 Index for the month of October in the preceding
18 year, and shall publish each such adjustment in the
19 Federal Register. An adjustment shall apply only
20 with regard to a violation committed after the date
21 of such publication.”.

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