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**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115–21**  
**TEXT OF H.R. 953, REDUCING REGULATORY**  
**BURDENS ACT**

[Showing the text of H.R. 953 as ordered reported by the  
Committee on Agriculture]

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Reducing Regulatory  
3 Burdens Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. USE OF AUTHORIZED PESTICIDES.**

5 Section 3(f) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide,  
6 and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136a(f)) is amended by  
7 adding at the end the following:

8 “(5) USE OF AUTHORIZED PESTICIDES.—Ex-  
9 cept as provided in section 402(s) of the Federal  
10 Water Pollution Control Act, the Administrator or a  
11 State may not require a permit under such Act for  
12 a discharge from a point source into navigable wa-  
13 ters of a pesticide authorized for sale, distribution,  
14 or use under this Act, or the residue of such a pes-  
15 ticide, resulting from the application of such pes-  
16 ticide.”.

1 **SEC. 3. DISCHARGES OF PESTICIDES.**

2 Section 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control  
3 Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) is amended by adding at the end  
4 the following:

5 “(s) DISCHARGES OF PESTICIDES.—

6 “(1) NO PERMIT REQUIREMENT.—Except as  
7 provided in paragraph (2), a permit shall not be re-  
8 quired by the Administrator or a State under this  
9 Act for a discharge from a point source into navi-  
10 gable waters of a pesticide authorized for sale, dis-  
11 tribution, or use under the Federal Insecticide, Fun-  
12 gicide, and Rodenticide Act, or the residue of such  
13 a pesticide, resulting from the application of such  
14 pesticide.

15 “(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) shall not  
16 apply to the following discharges of a pesticide or  
17 pesticide residue:

18 “(A) A discharge resulting from the appli-  
19 cation of a pesticide in violation of a provision  
20 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and  
21 Rodenticide Act that is relevant to protecting  
22 water quality, if—

23 “(i) the discharge would not have oc-  
24 curred but for the violation; or

25 “(ii) the amount of pesticide or pes-  
26 ticide residue in the discharge is greater

1                   than would have occurred without the vio-  
2                   lation.

3                   “(B) Stormwater discharges subject to reg-  
4                   ulation under subsection (p).

5                   “(C) The following discharges subject to  
6                   regulation under this section:

7                   “(i) Manufacturing or industrial efflu-  
8                   ent.

9                   “(ii) Treatment works effluent.

10                  “(iii) Discharges incidental to the nor-  
11                  mal operation of a vessel, including a dis-  
12                  charge resulting from ballasting operations  
13                  or vessel biofouling prevention.”.

