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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 10, 2010

Mr. CARDIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR STORMWATER POLLUTION.

Section 313 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1323) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(c) FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR STORMWATER POLLUTION.—Reasonable service charges described in subsection (a) include reasonable fees or assessments
made for the purpose of stormwater management in the same manner and to the same extent as any nongovernmental entity.

“(d) No Treatment as Tax or Levy.—A fee or assessment described in this section—

“(1) shall not be considered to be a tax or other levy subject to an assertion of sovereign immunity; and

“(2) may be paid using appropriated funds.”.