

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3779

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 31, 2023

Mr. TIFFANY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Agriculture

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 “Guaranteeing Robust
5 Agricultural Independence and Nutrition for America
6 Act” or the “GRAIN for America Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENROLLMENT MORATORIUM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subchapter B of
3 chapter 1 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Security
4 Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831 et seq.), the Secretary of
5 Agriculture may not enroll land in the conservation reserve
6 program established under that subchapter during the 1-
7 year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this
8 Act.

9 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to
10 land that, on the date of the enactment of this Act, is
11 subject to a contract entered into under the conservation
12 reserve program described in such subsection.

13 **SEC. 3. PRIME FARMLAND.**

14 Section 1231 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16
15 U.S.C. 3831) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(j) PRIME FARMLAND INELIGIBLE.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection
19 (b), the Secretary may not enroll prime farmland in
20 the program established under this subchapter.

21 “(2) PRIME FARMLAND DEFINED.—In this sub-
22 section, the term ‘prime farmland’ means farmland
23 described in section 1540(c)(1)(A) of the Farmland
24 Protection Policy Act (7 U.S.C. 4201(c)(1)(A)).”.

1 **SEC. 4. EARLY TERMINATION.**

2 Section 1235(e)(1)(A) of the Food Security Act of
3 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3835(e)(1)(A)) is amended by—

4 (1) striking “During fiscal year 2015, the” and
5 inserting “The”; and

6 (2) striking “any time if the contract has been
7 in effect for at least 5 years” and inserting “any
8 time during the 1-year period preceding the date on
9 which the contract would otherwise expire”.

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