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H. R. 8359

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to require the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to carry out research and development regarding a policy to insure table, wine and juice grapes against losses due to a freeze event, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2024

Mr. LANGWORTHY 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 “Grape Research And
5 Protection Expansion Act” or the “GRAPE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. POLICY TO INSURE TABLE, WINE, AND JUICE**
2 **GRAPES AGAINST LOSSES DUE TO A FREEZE**
3 **EVENT.**

4 Section 522(c) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7
5 U.S.C. 1522(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(20) TABLE, WINE, AND JUICE GRAPES.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
9 after the date of the enactment of this para-
10 graph, the Corporation shall carry out research
11 and development, or offer to enter into 1 or
12 more contracts with 1 or more qualified persons
13 to carry out research and development, regard-
14 ing a policy to insure table, wine and juice
15 grapes against losses due to a freeze event.

16 “(B) AVAILABILITY OF POLICY.—Notwith-
17 standing the last sentence of section 508(a)(1),
18 and section 508(a)(2), not later than 18
19 months after the date of the enactment of this
20 paragraph, the Corporation shall make available
21 a policy described in subparagraph (A) if the
22 requirements of section 508(h) are met.

23 “(C) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years
24 after the date of enactment of this paragraph,
25 the Corporation shall submit to the Committees
26 on Appropriations and Agriculture of the House

1 of Representatives and the Committees on Ap-
2 propriations and Agriculture, Nutrition, and
3 Forestry of the Senate a report that includes—
4 “(i) the results of the research con-
5 ducted under subparagraph (A); and
6 “(ii) a description of the policies made
7 available under this paragraph.”.

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