

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6180

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

Mr. HALL of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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. MUCK SOILS CONSERVATION.**

4       Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 is amend-  
5       ed by inserting after section 1240R (16 U.S.C. 3839bb-  
6       5) the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 1240S. CONSERVATION OF LAND CONTAINING MUCK**  
2 **SOILS.**

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary  
4 of Agriculture shall carry out a conservation program  
5 under which the Secretary makes payments to assist own-  
6 ers and operators of eligible land specified in subsection  
7 (b) to conserve and improve the soil, water, and wildlife  
8 resources of such land.

9 “(b) ELIGIBLE LAND.—To be eligible for inclusion  
10 in the program established under this section, the land  
11 must—

12 “(1) be comprised of soil that qualifies as  
13 muck, as determined by the Secretary;

14 “(2) be used for production of an agricultural  
15 crop;

16 “(3) have a spring cover crop planted in con-  
17 junction with the primary agricultural crop referred  
18 to in paragraph (2);

19 “(4) have a winter crop planted; and

20 “(5) have ditch banks seeded with grass that is  
21 maintained on a year-round basis.

22 “(c) PAYMENT AMOUNTS.—The Secretary may pro-  
23 vide payments of not less than \$300, but not more than  
24 \$500, per acre per year under the program.

25 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
26 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry

1 out the program \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011  
2 and 2012.”.

