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H. R. 3457

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 with respect to the feral swine eradication and control program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOORE of Alabama (for himself, Ms. CROCKETT, and Mr. JACKSON of Texas) 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. FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL**
4 **PROGRAM.**

5 (a) FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL PRO-
6 GRAM.—Chapter 5 of subtitle D of the Food Security Act
7 of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb et seq.) is amended by insert-
8 ing after section 1240M the following:

1 **“SEC. 1240N. FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a
4 feral swine eradication and control program (in this sec-
5 tion referred to as the ‘program’) to respond to the threat
6 feral swine pose to agriculture, native ecosystems, and
7 human and animal health.

8 “(b) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—In carrying out
9 the program, the Secretary shall—

10 “(1) study and assess the nature and extent of
11 damage to the threatened areas caused by feral
12 swine;

13 “(2) develop methods to eradicate or control
14 feral swine in the threatened areas;

15 “(3) develop methods to restore damage caused
16 by feral swine; and

17 “(4) provide financial assistance to agricultural
18 producers in threatened areas.

19 “(c) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may provide finan-
20 cial assistance to agricultural producers under the pro-
21 gram to implement methods to—

22 “(1) eradicate or control feral swine in the
23 threatened areas; and

24 “(2) restore damage caused by feral swine.

25 “(d) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall ensure
26 that the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the

1 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service coordinate for
2 purposes of this section through State technical commit-
3 tees established under section 1261(a).

4 “(e) CONTRACTS WITH LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND
5 UNIVERSITIES.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall direct
7 the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the
8 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to enter
9 into a contract with 1 or more land-grant colleges or
10 universities to carry out activities under the pro-
11 gram.

12 “(2) ELIGIBLE LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND
13 UNIVERSITIES.—A land-grant college or university is
14 eligible to enter into a contract under paragraph (1)
15 if such college or university—

16 “(A) has developed and implemented a sys-
17 tem of evaluating damages from feral swine and
18 the effectiveness of control and eradication ef-
19 forts;

20 “(B) shows evidence of a strong working
21 relationship with the Animal and Plant Health
22 Inspection Service, Wildlife Services; and

23 “(C) has maintained a State-funded, non-
24 Federal Wildlife Services program that has in
25 place an active cooperative agreement with the

1 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service,
2 Wildlife Services.

3 “(3) ROLE OF LAND-GRANT COLLEGE OR UNI-
4 VERSITY.—A land-grant college or university that
5 enters into a contract under paragraph (1) shall pro-
6 vide educational support and assistance with control
7 and eradication efforts under the program by—

8 “(A) identifying, and carrying out research
9 on, novel methods of feral swine control and
10 eradication and land remediation;

11 “(B) assisting the Secretary in identifying
12 threatened areas;

13 “(C) coordinating and collaborating with
14 field staff, programmatic staff, and research
15 staff within the Natural Resources Conserva-
16 tion Service and the Animal and Plant Health
17 Inspection Service; and

18 “(D) consulting with the Secretary on the
19 establishment of goals and plans for research to
20 be carried out under the program.

21 “(f) COST SHARING.—

22 “(1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of
23 the costs of activities under the program may not
24 exceed 75 percent of the total costs of such activi-
25 ties.

1 “(2) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—The non-Fed-
2 eral share of the costs of activities under the pro-
3 gram may be provided in the form of in-kind con-
4 tributions of materials or services.

5 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 “(1) LAND-GRANT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.—
7 The term ‘land-grant college or university’ has the
8 meaning given the term ‘land-grant colleges and uni-
9 versities’ in section 1404 of the National Agricul-
10 tural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act
11 of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103).

12 “(2) THREATENED AREA.—The term ‘threat-
13 ened area’ means an area of a State in which feral
14 swine have been identified as a threat to agriculture,
15 native ecosystems, or human and animal health, as
16 determined by the Secretary.

17 “(h) FUNDING.—

18 “(1) MANDATORY FUNDING.—Of the funds
19 made available under section 1241(a)(3)(A), the
20 Secretary shall use to carry out this section
21 \$150,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2026
22 through 2030.

23 “(2) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—Of the funds
24 made available under paragraph (1)—

1 “(A) 40 percent shall be allocated to the
2 Natural Resources Conservation Service to
3 carry out the program, including the provision
4 of financial assistance to producers for on-farm
5 trapping and technology related to capturing
6 and confining feral swine; and

7 “(B) 60 percent shall be allocated to the
8 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to
9 carry out the program, including the use of es-
10 tablished, and testing of innovative, population
11 reduction methods.

12 “(3) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EX-
13 PENSES.—Not more than 10 percent of funds made
14 available under this section may be used for admin-
15 istrative expenses of the program.”.

16 (b) REPEAL.—Section 2408 of the Agriculture Im-
17 provement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 8351 note) is repealed.

18 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
19 in section 1(b) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of
20 2018 is amended by striking the item relating to section
21 2408.

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