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S. 1618

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to make precision agriculture practices and technologies eligible under the conservation loan and loan guarantee program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 6, 2025

Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. WARNOCK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Precision Agriculture
5 Loan Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRECISION AGRICULTURE AND CONSERVATION**
 2 **LOAN AND LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM.**

3 Section 304 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-
 4 velopment Act (7 U.S.C. 1924) is amended—

5 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**CON-**
 6 **SERVATION**” and inserting “**PRECISION AGRI-**
 7 **CULTURE AND CONSERVATION**”;

8 (2) in subsection (b)(3)—

9 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (F)
 10 and (G) as subparagraphs (H) and (I), respec-
 11 tively; and

12 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (E)
 13 the following:

14 “(F) the adoption of precision agriculture
 15 practices;

16 “(G) the acquisition of precision agri-
 17 culture technologies;”;

18 (3) in subsection (d)—

19 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at
 20 the end;

21 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “1985.”
 22 and inserting “1985 (16 U.S.C. 3812); and”;
 23 and

24 (C) by adding at the end the following:

25 “(4) producers who use the loans to adopt pre-
 26 cision agriculture practices or acquire precision agri-

1 culture technologies, including adoption or acquisi-
 2 tion for the purpose of participating in the environ-
 3 mental quality incentives program under subchapter
 4 A of chapter 4 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food
 5 Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa et seq.).”;

6 (4) in subsection (f)—

7 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-
 8 serting the following:

9 “(1) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—The Sec-
 10 retary”; and

11 (B) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(2) EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS FOR
 13 PRECISION AGRICULTURE.—The Secretary shall con-
 14 sider and implement processes and techniques to im-
 15 prove the efficiency and effectiveness of the adminis-
 16 tration of this section with respect to the purposes
 17 of adopting precision agriculture practices and ac-
 18 quiring precision agriculture technologies, includ-
 19 ing—

20 “(A) delegating the authority to administer
 21 this section to the Deputy Administrator for
 22 Farm Programs of the Farm Service Agency;
 23 and

1 “(B) streamlining any necessary approvals
2 with the Natural Resources Conservation Serv-
3 ice.”; and
4 (5) in subsection (h), by striking “2023” and
5 inserting “2029”.

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