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S. 1751

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a New World screwworm fly rearing facility, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 14, 2025

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) 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 “Strengthening Tactics
5 to Obstruct the Population of Screwworms Act” or the
6 “STOP Screwworms Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. NEW WORLD SCREWWORM FLY REARING FACILITY.**

8 The Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301
9 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 10409A (7
10 U.S.C. 8308a) the following:

1 **“SEC. 10409B. NEW WORLD SCREWORM FLY REARING FA-**
2 **CILITY.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after
4 the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall
5 begin construction on 1 or more modular New World
6 screwworm fly rearing facilities in eligible areas described
7 in subsection (b). Such a facility shall, in addition to pro-
8 viding for the rearing of sterile New World screwworm
9 flies, provide for the dispersal of such flies to areas at risk
10 of New World screwworm fly infestation.

11 “(b) ELIGIBLE AREA DESCRIBED.—An eligible area
12 described in this subsection is an area of a State that the
13 Secretary determines to be—

14 “(1) at risk of New World screwworm fly infes-
15 tation due to the migratory pattern of confirmed de-
16 tections of New World screwworm flies; and

17 “(2) suitable for dispersal of sterile New World
18 screwworm flies reared at a New World screwworm
19 fly rearing facility established under this section to
20 additional areas at risk of New World screwworm fly
21 infestation.

22 “(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
23 of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the
24 Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture
25 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
26 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate, and

1 make publicly available on the website of the Department
2 of Agriculture, a report that includes—

3 “(1) an analysis of the current threat posed to
4 agriculture in the United States by New World
5 screwworm flies; and

6 “(2) a description of—

7 “(A) the efforts being taken by the Sec-
8 retary to combat New World screwworm fly mi-
9 gration, including construction and operation of
10 the facilities described in subsection (a); and

11 “(B) the effectiveness of such efforts.

12 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
14 out this section \$300,000,000, to remain available until
15 expended.”.

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