

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3610

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to permit the donation of hay harvested under the conservation reserve program to certain disaster areas, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2017

Mrs. NOEM 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Donations in Rough  
5 Years (DRY) Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DONATION OF HAY TO CERTAIN AREAS.**

2 Section 1233 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16  
3 U.S.C. 3833) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 “(e) DONATION OF HAY TO CERTAIN AREAS.—The  
6 Secretary shall permit the donation of hay harvested in  
7 the course of an activity authorized under, and conducted  
8 in accordance with the requirements of, this section, to  
9 the owner or operator of a farm or ranch that is located  
10 in—

11 “(1) the State in which the hay was harvested;

12 and

13 “(2) a county—

14 “(A) that, as determined by the United  
15 States Drought Monitor, is experiencing a  
16 drought—

17 “(i) of an intensity classified as D2  
18 that has existed for a period of 8 weeks or  
19 more; or

20 “(ii) of an intensity classified as D3  
21 or higher; or

22 “(B) with respect to which the President  
23 has issued a declaration under the Robert T.  
24 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-

1           ance Act that a major disaster exists due to a  
2           fire.”.

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