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H. R. 3984

To amend the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 to reauthorize the feral swine eradication and control pilot program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOORE of Alabama (for himself and Ms. CROCKETT) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Feral Swine Eradi-
5 cation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL PRO-**
7 **GRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2408 of the Agriculture
9 Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 8351 note; Public
10 Law 115–334) is amended—

1 (1) in the section heading, by striking
2 “**PILOT**”;

3 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “pilot pro-
4 gram” and inserting “program (referred to in this
5 section as the ‘program’)”;

6 (3) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
8 by striking “pilot”;

9 (B) in each of paragraphs (1) and (2), by
10 striking “the pilot areas” and inserting “eligible
11 areas”;

12 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking “pilot”
13 and inserting “eligible”;

14 (D) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
15 (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

16 (E) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
17 following:

18 “(3) after determining that feral swine have
19 been eradicated from an eligible area, require the
20 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the
21 Natural Resources Conservation Service to continue
22 monitoring such eligible area for the reoccurrence of
23 feral swine for a period of 1 year;”;

1 (4) in each of subsections (c), (e), (f), and (g),
2 by striking “pilot program” each place it appears
3 and inserting “program”;

4 (5) in subsection (c)—

5 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
6 by striking “The Secretary” and inserting “In
7 carrying out subsection (b)(5), the Secretary”;
8 and

9 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “the pilot
10 areas” and inserting “eligible areas”;

11 (6) by amending subsection (e) to read as fol-
12 lows:

13 “(e) ELIGIBLE AREAS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry
15 out the program in eligible areas.

16 “(2) ELIGIBLE AREA DEFINED.—In this sec-
17 tion, the term ‘eligible area’ means an area of a
18 State in which feral swine have been identified as a
19 threat to agriculture, native ecosystems, or human
20 or animal health, as determined by the Secretary.”;

21 (7) in subsection (g)—

22 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “2019
23 through 2023” and inserting “2024 through
24 2028”;

1 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “50
2 percent” and inserting “40 percent”; and

3 (C) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “50
4 percent” and inserting “60 percent”; and

5 (8) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(h) REPORT.—

7 “(1) DATA COMPILATION.—Not later than 2
8 years after the date of enactment of this subsection,
9 the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health
10 Inspection Service and the Chief of the Natural Re-
11 sources Conservation Service, acting jointly shall
12 compile the necessary information to submit a report
13 under paragraph (2).

14 “(2) REPORT.—Not later than 4.5 years after
15 the date of enactment of this subsection, the Admin-
16 istrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection
17 Service and the Chief of the Natural Resources Con-
18 servation Service, acting jointly, shall submit to the
19 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
20 of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture of
21 the House of Representatives and make publicly
22 available on the website of the Department of Agri-
23 culture a report that—

24 “(A) describes, for the period beginning on
25 the date of the establishment of the program

1 and ending on the date of the submission of the
2 report—

3 “(i) activities carried out under the
4 program, including—

5 “(I) the number of counties in
6 which feral swine are no longer
7 present; and

8 “(II) estimated reductions in ag-
9 riculture and natural resource dam-
10 age, and improvements to human and
11 livestock health and safety, as a result
12 of feral swine removal;

13 “(ii) the use of funding made avail-
14 able under this section, including the num-
15 ber of counties in each State provided
16 funding; and

17 “(iii) the roles of the Animal and
18 Plant Health Inspection Service and the
19 Natural Resources Conservation Service
20 and agricultural producers provided finan-
21 cial assistance under this section in car-
22 rying out activities under the program; and

23 “(B) includes—

24 “(i) a determination by the Adminis-
25 trator of the Animal and Plant Health In-

1 specation Service and the Chief of the Nat-
2 ural Resources Conservation Service as to
3 the extent to which the program has been
4 successful; and

5 “(ii) any recommendations for im-
6 provements to the program.”.

7 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
8 tents for the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public
9 Law 115–334; 132 Stat. 4491) is amended by striking
10 the item relating to section 2408 and inserting the fol-
11 lowing:

“Sec. 2408. Feral swine eradication and control program.”.

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