

112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4157

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## AN ACT

To prohibit the Secretary of Labor from reissuing or issuing a rule substantially similar to a certain proposed rule under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 relating to child labor.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND FINDINGS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
3 “Preserving America’s Family Farms Act”.

4 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

5 (1) family farms have a long history and tradi-  
6 tion of providing youth with valuable work experi-  
7 ence;

8 (2) Department of Labor regulations should not  
9 adversely impact the longstanding tradition of youth  
10 working on farms where they can gain valuable skills  
11 and lessons on hard work, character, and leadership;

12 (3) the Department of Labor’s proposed regula-  
13 tions would have curtailed opportunities for youth to  
14 gain experiential learning and hands-on skills for en-  
15 rollment in vocational agricultural training;

16 (4) the proposed regulations would have ob-  
17 structed the opportunity for youth to find rewarding  
18 employment and earn money for a college education  
19 or other meaningful purposes;

20 (5) the proposed regulations would have limited  
21 opportunities for young farmers wishing to pursue a  
22 career in agriculture at a time when the average age  
23 of farmers continues to rise; and

24 (6) working on a farm has become a way of life  
25 for thousands of youth across the rural United  
26 States.

1 **SEC. 2. RULE RELATING TO CHILD LABOR.**

2       The Secretary of Labor shall not reissue in substan-  
3 tially the same form, or issue a new rule that is substan-  
4 tially the same as, the proposed rule entitled “Child Labor  
5 Regulations, Orders and Statements of Interpretation;  
6 Child Labor Violations—Civil Money Penalties” (pub-  
7 lished at 76 Fed. Reg. 54836 (September 2, 2011)).

Passed the House of Representatives July 24, 2012.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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