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H. R. 4157

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions

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:

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Clerk.