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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2013

Mr. BARR 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 “Creating Crop Insur-
5 ance Certainty for Farmers Act”.
SEC. 2. ADVANCE PUBLIC NOTICE OF CROP INSURANCE POLICY AND PLAN CHANGES.

Section 505(e) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1505(e)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (6) as paragraphs (6) and (7); respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following new paragraph (5):

“(5) ADVANCE NOTICE OF MODIFICATION BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Any modification to be made in the terms or conditions of any policy or plan of insurance offered under this sub-title shall not take effect for a crop year unless the Secretary publishes the modification in the Federal Register and on the website of the Corporation and provides for a subsequent period of public comment—

“(i) with respect to fall-planted crops, not later than 60 days before June 30 during the preceding crop year; and

“(ii) with respect to spring-planted crops, not later than 60 days before November 30 during the preceding crop year.

“(B) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the application of subparagraph (A) in an emer-
gency situation declared by the Secretary upon notice to Congress of the nature of the emergency and the need for immediate implementation of the policy or plan modification referred to in such subparagraph.”.