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An Act

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To amend section 16(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, providing for a Great Plains conservation program.

Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, amendments.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 16(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (70 Stat. 1115, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 590p(b)) is amended—

(1) by deleting the third and fourth sentences of paragraph (1) thereof beginning with "Such contracts may be entered into . . ." and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Such contracts may be entered into during the period ending not later than September 30, 1991, with respect to farms, ranches, and other lands in counties in the Great Plains area of the States of Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming, designated by the Secretary as susceptible to serious wind or water erosion by reason of their soil types, terrain, and climatic, soil, topographic, flood, saline, other natural hazards, and other factors. The landowner or operator shall furnish to the Secretary a plan of farming operations or land use which incorporates such soil and water conservation practices and principles as may be determined by him to be practicable for maximum mitigation of climatic, soil, topographic, flood, saline, and other natural hazards of the area in which such land is located, and which outlines a schedule of proposed changes in cropping systems or land use and of the conservation measures which are to be carried out on the farm, ranch, or other land during the contract period to protect the farm, ranch, or other land from erosion and deterioration by natural causes."; and

(2) deleting "$300,000,000" and "$25,000,000" in the proviso in paragraph (7) and inserting in lieu thereof "$600,000,000" and "$50,000,000", respectively.

Effective date. 16 USC 590p note.

SEC. 2. This Act shall become effective October 1, 1980.

Approved June 6, 1980.

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