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H. R. 2779

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985, to give producers greater flexibility in enrolling certain marginal land in the conservation reserve, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN of Kansas 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. ENROLLMENT OF LAND IN THE CONSERVATION**
4 **RESERVE.**

5 (a) MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT.—Section 1231(d) of
6 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831(d)) is
7 amended by striking “36,400,000 acres” and inserting
8 “40,000,000 acres”.

1 (b) INCLUSION OF LANDS ADJACENT TO HIGHLY
2 ERODIBLE CROPLANDS.—Section 1231 of the Food Secu-
3 rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831) is amended by adding
4 at the end the following new subsection:

5 “(h) INCLUSION OF LANDS ADJACENT TO HIGHLY
6 ERODIBLE CROPLANDS.—In the case of highly erodible
7 croplands described in subsection (b)(1) that are eligible
8 for enrollment in the conservation reserve, the Secretary
9 may permit the owner or operator of the lands to include
10 a small quantity of additional acreage (not otherwise eligi-
11 ble for enrollment in the reserve) as part of the parcel
12 to be enrolled if—

13 “(1) the additional land is located adjacent to
14 the eligible highly erodible croplands;

15 “(2) it is not economically viable to use the ad-
16 ditional land as cropland given the enrollment of the
17 adjacent highly erodible croplands; and

18 “(3) the resulting parcel does not exceed 30
19 acres.”.

20 (c) TREATMENT OF CONTOUR GRASS STRIPS.—Sec-
21 tion 1234(c)(4) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16
22 U.S.C. 3834(c)(4)) is amended by inserting “or contour
23 grass strips (including grass strips established on ter-
24 races)” after “hardwood trees”.

1 (d) INCLUSION OF UNIRRIGATED CORNERS OF IRRI-
2 GATED FIELDS.—Section 1231(b)(4) of the Food Security
3 Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831(b)(4)) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as sub-
5 paragraph (E); and

6 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the fol-
7 lowing new subparagraph:

8 “(D) if the croplands consist of the
9 unirrigated corners of fields that are irrigated
10 using center pivot irrigation systems; or”.

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