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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEUGEBAUER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLEMENTAL CROP IN-**  
2 **SURANCE BASED ON AREA YIELD AND LOSS**  
3 **PLAN OF INSURANCE OR AREA REVENUE**  
4 **PLAN OF INSURANCE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 508(c) of the Federal  
6 Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508(c)) is amended by  
7 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

8 “(11) SUPPLEMENTAL AREA COVERAGE.—

9 “(A) AVAILABILITY OF COVERAGE.—Not-  
10 withstanding paragraph (4), if area coverage is  
11 available in an area (as determined by the Cor-  
12 poration under paragraph (3)), the Corporation  
13 shall provide eligible producers in that area  
14 with the option to purchase supplemental insur-  
15 ance coverage based on—

16 “(i) an area yield and loss plan of in-  
17 surance; or

18 “(ii) an area revenue plan of insur-  
19 ance that includes coverage for a loss in  
20 yield.

21 “(B) ELIGIBLE PRODUCERS.—To be eligi-  
22 ble to obtain supplemental coverage under this  
23 paragraph, a producer must purchase either an  
24 individual yield and loss plan of insurance or a  
25 revenue plan of insurance that includes cov-  
26 erage for a loss in yield at an additional cov-

1           erage level for the same crop to be covered by  
2           the supplemental coverage.

3           “(C) LIMITATION.—In providing supple-  
4           mental coverage to a producer under this para-  
5           graph, the sum of the following shall not exceed  
6           100 percent:

7                   “(i) The coverage level expressed in  
8                   percentage terms for the individual yield  
9                   and loss plan of insurance or the revenue  
10                  plan of insurance that includes coverage  
11                  for a loss in yield that is purchased by the  
12                  producer for the same crop covered by the  
13                  supplemental coverage, as required by sub-  
14                  paragraph (B).

15                  “(ii) The share expressed in percent-  
16                  age terms of the area yield and loss plan  
17                  of insurance or the area revenue plan of  
18                  insurance (at whatever coverage level is se-  
19                  lected) that is used to determine the level  
20                  of supplemental insurance coverage pro-  
21                  vided the producer under this paragraph.

22           “(D) PAYMENT OF PORTION OF PRE-  
23           MIUM.—As provided in subsection (e), the Cor-  
24           poration shall pay a portion of the premium for  
25           supplemental coverage under this paragraph

1 and the associated individual area yield and loss  
2 plan of insurance or revenue plan of insurance  
3 that includes coverage for a loss in yield.

4 “(E) AMOUNT OF INDEMNITY PAID UNDER  
5 SUPPLEMENTAL COVERAGE.—The indemnity  
6 payable under supplemental coverage provided  
7 under this paragraph shall be calculated as—

8 “(i) the total indemnity for the area  
9 yield and loss plan of insurance or area  
10 revenue plan of insurance, at the coverage  
11 level chosen by the producer; multiplied by

12 “(ii) the share of the coverage of the  
13 area yield and loss plan of insurance or  
14 area revenue plan of insurance selected by  
15 the producer.

16 “(F) SPECIAL RULE RELATING TO QUALI-  
17 FYING LOSSES.—In the case of a qualifying loss  
18 in an area (as determined by the Corporation)  
19 under supplemental coverage provided under  
20 this paragraph, subject to the applicable cov-  
21 erage limits, the total amount of the indemnity  
22 shall be available to the producer regardless of  
23 the loss incurred under the individual yield and  
24 loss plan of insurance or the revenue plan of in-

1           surance that includes coverage for a loss in  
2           yield of the producer.

3           “(G) REINSURANCE YEAR.—Subject to the  
4           availability of area yield and loss or revenue  
5           coverage for an insurable crop in an area (as  
6           determined by the Corporation), the Corpora-  
7           tion shall provide supplemental coverage under  
8           this paragraph not later than the 2008 reinsur-  
9           ance year.”.

10          (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 508(d)(2)  
11       of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508(d)(2))  
12       is amended—

13               (1) by striking “additional coverage” in the  
14       matter preceding subparagraph (A) and inserting  
15       “additional and supplemental coverages”; and

16               (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
17       paragraph:

18               “(C) In the case of supplemental coverage  
19       provided under subsection (c)(11) that, in com-  
20       bination with either the individual yield and loss  
21       coverage, or a comparable coverage for a policy  
22       or plan of insurance that is not based on indi-  
23       vidual yield and does not insure more than 100  
24       percent of the recorded or appraised average  
25       yield indemnified at not greater than 100 per-

1 cent of the expected market price, the amount  
2 of the premium shall—

3 “(i) be sufficient to cover anticipated  
4 losses and a reasonable reserve; and

5 “(ii) include an amount for operating  
6 and administrative expenses, as determined  
7 by the Corporation, on an industry-wide  
8 basis as a percentage of the amount of the  
9 premium used to define loss ratio.”.

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