

113TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1789

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to require advance public notice of any modification to be made in the terms or conditions of any policy or plan of insurance offered under such Act.

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”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADVANCE PUBLIC NOTICE OF CROP INSURANCE**
2 **POLICY AND PLAN CHANGES.**

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

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

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
8 lowing new paragraph (5):

9 “(5) ADVANCE NOTICE OF MODIFICATION BE-
10 FORE IMPLEMENTATION.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any modification to
12 be made in the terms or conditions of any pol-
13 icy or plan of insurance offered under this sub-
14 title shall not take effect for a crop year unless
15 the Secretary publishes the modification in the
16 Federal Register and on the website of the Cor-
17 poration and provides for a subsequent period
18 of public comment—

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

22 “(ii) with respect to spring-planted
23 crops, not later than 60 days before No-
24 vember 30 during the preceding crop year.

25 “(B) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive
26 the application of subparagraph (A) in an emer-

1 agency situation declared by the Secretary upon
2 notice to Congress of the nature of the emer-
3 gency and the need for immediate implementa-
4 tion of the policy or plan modification referred
5 to in such subparagraph.”.

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