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To amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to increase the availability of pesticides for the management of parasitic pests that adversely impact the health of managed pollinator bees, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXPEDITED REGISTRATION OF PESTICIDES**
2 **FOR MANAGEMENT OF PARASITIC PESTS AD-**
3 **VERSELY IMPACTING MANAGED POLLINATOR**
4 **BEE HEALTH.**

5 (a) DEFINITION OF MANAGED POLLINATOR BEE.—

6 Section 2(o) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and
7 Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136(o)) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “The term” and inserting the
9 following:

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraph:

13 “(2) MANAGED POLLINATOR BEE.—The term
14 ‘managed pollinator bee’ means any bee that is
15 raised and housed in a managed hive or other appro-
16 priate housing and used for honey production, man-
17 aged pollination of crops, or breeding for commercial
18 purposes.”.

19 (b) EXPEDITED REGISTRATION OF PESTICIDES TO
20 IMPROVE MANAGED POLLINATOR BEE HEALTH.—Section
21 3(c)(10) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and
22 Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136a(c)(10)) is amended—

23 (1) in subparagraph (B), by adding at the end
24 the following new clause:

1 “(v) Improve managed pollinator bee
2 health, including managing resistance to
3 parasitic pests.”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 paragraph:

6 “(D) An application for registration or an
7 amendment that is reasonably expected to im-
8 prove the health of managed pollinator bees, in-
9 cluding managing resistance to parasitic pests
10 of managed pollinator bees, shall qualify for ex-
11 pedited review according to subparagraph (B)
12 pursuant to the applicable decision time review
13 period under section 33.”.

14 (c) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

15 (1) USDA REPORT.—Not later than one year
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
17 retary of Agriculture shall submit to the Committee
18 on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and
19 the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and For-
20 estry of the Senate a report that addresses the ex-
21 tent and scope of the threat to the health of man-
22 aged pollinator bees from—

23 (A) pathological factors, including the spe-
24 cies of parasitic mite known as Varroa mite

1 (Varroa destructor), other arthropod pests, and
2 fungal, microbial, and viral diseases; and

3 (B) environmental factors, including the
4 habitat, forage, beekeeper practices and hus-
5 bandry, and nutritional needs of managed polli-
6 nator bees.

7 (2) EPA REPORT.—Not later than one year
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Ad-
9 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
10 shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the
11 House of Representatives and the Committee on Ag-
12 riculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate that
13 details—

14 (A) the availability of pesticides for man-
15 agement of parasitic pests that adversely im-
16 pact the health of managed pollinator bees, par-
17 ticularly including the Varroa mite (Varroa de-
18 structor); and

19 (B) the efforts by the Environmental Pro-
20 tection Agency to expedite approvals of new
21 products to control parasitic pests of managed
22 pollinator bees, including products to mitigate
23 resistance to products currently available.

24 (3) DEFINITION OF MANAGED POLLINATOR
25 BEE.—In this subsection, the term “managed polli-

1 nator bee” means any bee that is raised and housed
2 in a managed hive or other appropriate housing and
3 used for honey production, managed pollination of
4 crops, or breeding for commercial purposes.

