

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5184

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to improve conservation practice standards, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico 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 “Accelerating Innovative
5 Conservation Technologies and Practices Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARDS.**

7 The Food Security Act of 1985 is amended—

8 (1) in section 1242(h) (16 U.S.C. 3842(h))—

9 (A) by amending paragraph (3) to read as

10 follows:

1 “(3) EXPEDITED REVISION OF STANDARDS.—
2 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this paragraph, the Secretary shall develop
4 an administrative process for—

5 “(A) expediting the establishment and revi-
6 sion of conservation practice standards; and

7 “(B) considering conservation innovations
8 with respect to any establishment or revision
9 under subparagraph (A).”; and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(4) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
12 date of the enactment of this paragraph, and every
13 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to
14 Congress a report on—

15 “(A) the administrative process developed
16 under paragraph (3);

17 “(B) conservation practice standards that
18 were established or expedited under such proc-
19 ess; and

20 “(C) conservation innovations that were
21 considered under such process.”; and

22 (2) in section 1262(c) (16 U.S.C. 3862(c)), by
23 adding at the end the following:

24 “(3) RECOMMENDATIONS TO SECRETARY.—

25 Each State technical committee shall regularly re-

1 view new and innovative technologies and practices,
2 including processes to conserve water, and make rec-
3 ommendations to the Secretary for further consider-
4 ation of, and possible development of, conservation
5 practice standards that incorporate such tech-
6 nologies and practices.”.

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