

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5448

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to provide eligibility under the assistive technology program for farmers with disabilities to veterans with disabilities and their families.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 2018

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

A BILL

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to provide eligibility under the assistive technology program for farmers with disabilities to veterans with disabilities and their families.

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. VETERAN ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTIVE TECH-**
4 **NOLOGY PROGRAM FOR FARMERS WITH DIS-**
5 **ABILITIES.**

6 Section 1680 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation,
7 and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5933) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)—

2 (i) by striking “for individuals” and

3 inserting the following: “for—

4 “(A) individuals (including veterans)”;

5 (ii) by striking the period at the end

6 and inserting “; and”; and

7 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-

8 lowing:

9 “(B) veterans with disabilities who are

10 pursuing new farming opportunities and their

11 families.”;

12 (B) in paragraph (2)—

13 (i) by striking “serving individuals”

14 and inserting the following: “serving—

15 “(A) individuals (including veterans)”;

16 (ii) by striking the period at the end

17 and inserting “; and”;

18 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-

19 lowing:

20 “(B) veterans with disabilities, and their

21 families, who are pursuing new farming oppor-

22 tunities.”;

23 (C) in paragraph (3)—

24 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

1 (I) by striking “to individuals”

2 and inserting the following: “to—

3 “(i) individuals (including veterans)”;

4 (II) by inserting “and” after the

5 semicolon; and

6 (III) by adding at the end the

7 following new clause:

8 “(ii) veterans with disabilities who are

9 pursuing new farming opportunities;”;

10 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

11 (I) by striking “to accommodate

12 individuals” and inserting the fol-

13 lowing: “to accommodate—

14 “(i) individuals (including veterans)”;

15 (II) by inserting “and” after the

16 semicolon; and

17 (III) by adding at the end the

18 following new clause:

19 “(ii) veterans with disabilities who are

20 pursuing farming, farm living and farm-re-

21 lated tasks;” and

22 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting

23 “(including mental health providers)” after

24 “professionals”;

25 (iv) in subparagraph (D)—

1 (I) by inserting “(including men-
2 tal health providers)” after “health
3 care providers”;

4 (II) by striking “to individuals”
5 and inserting the following: “to—
6 “(i) individuals (including veterans)”;

7 and

8 (III) by adding at the end the
9 following new clause:

10 “(ii) veterans with disabilities, and
11 their families, who are pursuing new farm-
12 ing opportunities; and”; and

13 (IV) by striking “and” at the
14 end; and

15 (v) in subparagraph (E)—

16 (I) by inserting “(including vet-
17 erans)” after “farmers with disabil-
18 ities”; and

19 (II) by striking the period at the
20 end and inserting “; and”; and

21 (vi) by adding at the end the following
22 new subparagraph:

23 “(F) provide behavioral therapy programs
24 that would assist veterans with mental service-

1 connected disabilities, such as post-traumatic
2 stress disorder.”;

3 (2) in subsection (b)—

4 (A) by inserting “(including veterans)”
5 after “individuals”; and

6 (B) by inserting “or, in the case of vet-
7 erans with disabilities, who are pursuing new
8 farming opportunities” before the period at the
9 end;

10 (3) in subsection (c)(1)(B), by striking “2018”
11 and inserting “2023”; and

12 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 section:

14 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) The term ‘disability’ has the meaning
16 given such term in section 3(1) of the Americans
17 with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102(1)).

18 “(2) The term ‘veteran’ has the meaning given
19 such term in section 101 of title 38, United States
20 Code.”.

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