

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8327

To provide for the dissemination to farm and agricultural workers of information and training on best practices used to respond to the COVID–19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Mr. HAGEDORN (for himself and Mr. CUELLAR) 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 “Farm and Agricultural
5 Worker Safety Education Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISSEMINATION TO FARM AND AGRICULTURAL**
2 **WORKERS OF INFORMATION AND TRAINING**
3 **ON BEST PRACTICES USED TO RESPOND TO**
4 **THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 502(i)(1)(B) of the Rural
6 Development Act of 1972 (7 U.S.C. 2662(i)(1)(B)) is
7 amended—

8 (1) in the subparagraph heading, by inserting
9 “AND AGRICULTURAL WORKER” before “SAFETY”;

10 (2) in the matter preceding clause (i)—

11 (A) by inserting “and agricultural worker”
12 before “safety education”; and

13 (B) by striking “timber harvesters, and
14 farm families” and inserting “agricultural proc-
15 essors and handlers, timber harvesters, farm
16 families, and other participants in the agricul-
17 tural supply chain”;

18 (3) in clause (iii), by striking “dermititis” and
19 inserting “dermatitis”;

20 (4) in clause (v), by striking “and” at the end;

21 (5) in clause (vi), by striking the period and in-
22 serting “; and”; and

23 (6) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(vii) other relevant health and safety
25 guidance, guidelines, requirements, or in-
26 formation.”.

1 (b) LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORIZATION OF APPRO-
2 PRIATIONS.—For the purpose of disseminating informa-
3 tion related to the COVID–19 pandemic under section
4 502(i)(1)(B) of the Rural Development Act of 1972, there
5 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Agri-
6 culture \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2021, which is author-
7 ized to remain available through fiscal year 2026.

8 **SEC. 3. RURAL HEALTH DISRUPTION PRIORITIZATION**
9 **FLEXIBILITY.**

10 Section 6101(a) of the Agricultural Act of 2018 (132
11 Stat. 4726–4727; Public Law 115–334) is amended by
12 striking paragraph (2) and redesignating paragraph (3)
13 as paragraph (2).

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