

Amendment offered by Mr. Jackson of Illinois

Amendment description

The amendment expands the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program to explicitly include certain urban, suburban, and municipal private lands.

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Page 92, strike lines 9 and 10 and insert the following:

- 1 (3) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated—
2 (A) in subparagraph (A), by amending
3 clause (i) to read as follows:

Page 92, line 13, strike the period at the end and insert a semicolon.

Page 92, after line 13, insert the following:

- 4 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as
5 subparagraph (D);
6 (C) in subparagraph (D), as so redesign-
7 ated, by striking “(A) or (B)” and inserting
8 “(A), (B), or (C)”
9 (D) in subparagraph (B)(v), by striking
10 “or” at the end; and
11 (E) by inserting after subparagraph (B)
12 the following:
13 “(C) in the case of an agricultural land
14 easement located in an urban, suburban, or mu-
15 nicipal geographic area—

1 “(i) private land—

2 “(I) that is subject to a pending
3 offer for purchase of an urban agri-
4 cultural land easement from an eligi-
5 ble entity;

6 “(II) that is potentially or cur-
7 rently physically suitable for use as
8 cropland and other attendant agricul-
9 tural activities;

10 “(III) the use of which for agri-
11 cultural activities does not pose a
12 threat to the human health of those
13 working the land or the public, due to
14 levels of environmental contaminants
15 on the land or in the subsurface of the
16 land; and

17 “(IV)(aa) that is currently va-
18 cant;

19 “(bb) that is in tax delinquency;

20 “(cc) that is a brownfield site, as
21 defined in section 101(39) of the
22 Comprehensive Environmental Re-
23 sponse, Compensation, and Liability
24 Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601(39));

1 “(dd) that is currently being used
2 for urban agriculture purposes; or
3 “(ee) the protection of which will
4 further a State or local policy con-
5 sistent with the purposes of the pro-
6 gram; or
7 “(ii) other private land that is inci-
8 dental to land described in clause (i), if the
9 Secretary determines that it is necessary
10 for the efficient administration of an ease-
11 ment under the program.”.

Beginning on page 63, redesignate paragraphs (2)
and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4).

Page 63, after line 14, insert the following:

12 (2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
13 lows:
14 “(2)(A) The agricultural conservation easement
15 program under subtitle H using to the maximum ex-
16 tent practicable—
17 “(i) \$670,000,000 for fiscal year 2027;
18 “(ii) \$695,000,000 for fiscal year 2028;
19 “(iii) \$720,000,000 for fiscal year 2029;
20 “(iv) \$720,000,000 for fiscal year 2030;
21 and

1 “(v) \$720,000,000 for fiscal year 2031.
2 “(B) Of the funds made available under sub-
3 paragraph (A), for each of fiscal years 2027 through
4 2031, \$20,000,000 shall be used for assistance pro-
5 vided by the Secretary under section 1265B(a) with
6 respect to eligible lands described in section
7 1265A(3)(C).”.

Page 111, line 16, strike “”.”.

Page 111, after line 16, insert the following:

8 “(g) ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR EASEMENTS IN
9 URBAN, SUBURBAN, OR MUNICIPAL GEOGRAPHIC
10 AREA.—In addition to the funds made available under sec-
11 tion 1241(a)(2), there are authorized to be appropriated
12 \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2031
13 for the Secretary to carry out section 1265B(a) with re-
14 spect to eligible lands described in section 1265A(3)(C).”.

