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# S. 2611

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to repeal the environmental quality incentives program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LEE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## A BILL

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to repeal the environmental quality incentives program.

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. REPEAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCEN-**

4 **TIVES PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of subtitle D of title  
6 XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa  
7 et seq.) is repealed.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9 (1) Section 1211(a)(3) of the Food Security  
10 Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3811(a)(3)) is amended—

1 (A) by striking subparagraph (A);

2 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)  
3 through (D) as subparagraphs (A) through (C),  
4 respectively; and

5 (C) in subparagraph (A) (as so redesign-  
6 dated), by striking “any other provision of”.

7 (2) Section 1221(b)(3) of the Food Security  
8 Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3821(b)(3)) is amended—

9 (A) by striking subparagraph (A);

10 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)  
11 through (D) as subparagraphs (A) through (C),  
12 respectively; and

13 (C) in subparagraph (A) (as so redesign-  
14 dated), by striking “any other provision of”.

15 (3) Section 1235(f)(1)(D) of the Food Security  
16 Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3835(f)(1)(D)) is amended  
17 by striking “or the environmental quality incentives  
18 program”.

19 (4) Section 1241 of the Food Security Act of  
20 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841) is amended—

21 (A) in subsection (a)—

22 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph  
23 (1), by striking “(and fiscal year 2019 in  
24 the case of the program specified in para-  
25 graph (5))”; and

1 (ii) by striking paragraph (5);

2 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “(and  
3 fiscal year 2019 in the case of the program  
4 specified in subsection (a)(5))”;

5 (C) in subsection (h)—

6 (i) in paragraph (1), in the matter  
7 preceding subparagraph (A)—

8 (I) by striking “funds” and in-  
9 serting “acres”; and

10 (II) by striking “to carry out the  
11 environmental quality incentives pro-  
12 gram and the acres made available for  
13 each of such fiscal years”;

14 (ii) by striking paragraph (2); and

15 (iii) by redesignating paragraphs (3)  
16 and (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respec-  
17 tively; and

18 (D) in subsection (i)—

19 (i) by striking paragraph (2); and

20 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (3)  
21 through (6) as paragraphs (2) through (5),  
22 respectively.

23 (5) Section 1244 of the Food Security Act of  
24 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3844) is amended—

25 (A) in subsection (c)—

1 (i) in paragraph (1)(B), by adding  
2 “and” at the end;

3 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “;  
4 and” and inserting a period; and

5 (iii) by striking paragraph (3); and

6 (B) in subsection (l), by striking “D and  
7 the environmental quality incentives program  
8 under chapter 4 of subtitle”.

9 (6) Section 1271A(1) of the Food Security Act  
10 of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3871a(1)) is amended—

11 (A) by striking subparagraph (B); and

12 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)  
13 and (D) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respec-  
14 tively.

15 (7) Section 344(f)(8) of the Agricultural Ad-  
16 justment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1344(f)(8)) is  
17 amended in the proviso of the first sentence by strik-  
18 ing “Act, the environmental quality incentives pro-  
19 gram established under chapter 4 of subtitle D of  
20 title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985,” and in-  
21 serting “Act”.

22 (8) Section 377 of the Agricultural Adjustment  
23 Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1377) is amended in the first  
24 proviso by striking “Act or the environmental qual-  
25 ity incentives program established under chapter 4

1 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Security Act  
2 of 1985):” and inserting “Act):”.

3 (9) The last proviso of the matter under the  
4 heading “CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM” under  
5 the heading “SOIL BANK PROGRAMS” of title I of  
6 the Department of Agriculture and Farm Credit Ad-  
7 ministration Appropriation Act, 1959 (7 U.S.C.  
8 1831a), is amended by striking “(1) payments” and  
9 all that follows through “or (2)”.

10 (10) Section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and  
11 Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(b)) is  
12 amended by striking paragraph (1).

13 (11) Section 1271(e)(3)(C) of the Food, Agri-  
14 culture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (16  
15 U.S.C. 2106a(e)(3)(C)) is amended—

16 (A) by striking “section, the” and inserting  
17 “section and the”; and

18 (B) by striking “(16 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.)”  
19 and all that follows through “or other” and in-  
20 serting “(16 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.) or any other  
21 applicable”.

22 (12) Section 304 of the Lake Champlain Spe-  
23 cial Designation Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 1270 note;  
24 Public Law 101–596) is amended—

25 (A) by striking subsection (a);

1 (B) by redesignating subsections (b)  
2 through (d) as subsections (a) through (c), re-  
3 spectively; and

4 (C) in subsection (c) (as so redesign-  
5 nated)—

6 (i) by striking “(1) There” in para-  
7 graph (1) and all that follows through “(2)  
8 There” in paragraph (2) and inserting  
9 “There”; and

10 (ii) by striking “(b) and (c)” and in-  
11 serting “(a) and (b)”.

12 (13) Section 202 of the Colorado River Basin  
13 Salinity Control Act (43 U.S.C. 1592) is amended  
14 by striking subsection (c).

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