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H. R. 4708

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to include spotted lanternfly control research and development as high-priority research and extension initiative, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 2025

Mr. MORELLE (for himself, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. RYAN, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. MCBRIDE, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Ms. MENG, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. MEUSER, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. LYNCH, and Mr. COSTA) 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 “Spotted Lanternfly Re-
5 search and Development Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUDING SPOTTED LANTERNFLY CONTROL RE-**
2 **SEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AS HIGH-PRI-**
3 **ORITY RESEARCH AND EXTENSION INITIA-**
4 **TIVE.**

5 Section 1672(d) of the Food, Agriculture, Conserva-
6 tion, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925(d)) is amend-
7 ed by adding at the end the following:

8 “(21) SPOTTED LANTERNFLY CONTROL.—Re-
9 search and extension grants may be made under this
10 section for the purposes of developing and dissemi-
11 nating research-based tools and treatments to com-
12 bat the Spotted Lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*).”.

13 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF HIGH-PRIORITY RESEARCH**
14 **AND EXTENSION INITIATIVES.**

15 Section 1672 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation,
16 and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925) is amended in
17 each of subsections (e)(5), (f)(5), (g)(1)(B), (g)(2)(B),
18 (g)(3), and (h) by striking “2023” and inserting “2030”.

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