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To defer temporarily the deadline for compliance with conservation plans for certain highly erodible cropland due to damage to such land caused by damaging weather or related condition.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. DOOLEY, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. GUNDERSON, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. EWING, Mr. CAMP, and Mr. OXLEY) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. TEMPORARY DEFERRAL OF THE DEADLINE**
2 **FOR COMPLIANCE WITH CONSERVATION**
3 **PLANS FOR CERTAIN HIGHLY ERODIBLE**
4 **CROPLAND.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1212(a)(2) of the Food
6 Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3812(a)(2)) is amended
7 by—

8 (1) inserting “(A)” after “(2)”; and

9 (2) adding at the end the following:

10 “(B) If a person demonstrates to the Secretary
11 that damaging weather or related condition has
12 caused damage to highly erodible land subject to a
13 conservation plan of the type described in subpara-
14 graph (A), and that such damage will prevent the
15 person from complying with the plan by January 1,
16 1995, the person shall have until January 1, 1996,
17 to comply with the plan without being subject to
18 program ineligibility.

19 “(C) A person who has received crop loss assist-
20 ance under chapter 3 of subtitle B of title XXII of
21 the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act
22 of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 1421 note), as extended by appro-
23 priations Acts, in 3 or more of the 1990 through
24 1994 calendar years shall have until January 1,
25 1996, to comply with any conservation plan of the
26 type described in subparagraph (A) to which the

1 land is subject without being subject to program in-
2 eligibility.”.

3 (b) DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR TEMPORARY
4 VARIANCES FROM CONSERVATION PLANS FOR HIGHLY
5 ERODIBLE CROPLAND.—Section 1214(f)(4) of such Act
6 (6 U.S.C. 3814(f)(4)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking the period at the end of sub-
8 paragraph (C) and inserting “, and”; and

9 (2) by adding flush at the end the following:

10 “documents the reasons for making the deter-
11 mination or granting the variance.”.

12 (c) DEFINITION.—Section 1201 of the Food Security
13 Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801) is amended by adding at
14 the end the following new paragraph:

15 “(17) The term ‘damaging weather or related
16 condition’ includes but is not limited to drought,
17 hail, excessive moisture, freeze, tornado, hurricane,
18 earthquake, or excessive wind, or any combination
19 thereof.”.

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