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# H. R. 3457

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 with respect to the feral swine eradication and control program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2025

Mr. MOORE of Alabama (for himself, Ms. CROCKETT, and Mr. JACKSON of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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. FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL**  
4 **PROGRAM.**

5 (a) FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL PRO-  
6 GRAM.—Chapter 5 of subtitle D of the Food Security Act  
7 of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb et seq.) is amended by insert-  
8 ing after section 1240M the following:

1 **“SEC. 1240N. FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL**  
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a  
4 feral swine eradication and control program (in this sec-  
5 tion referred to as the ‘program’) to respond to the threat  
6 feral swine pose to agriculture, native ecosystems, and  
7 human and animal health.

8 “(b) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—In carrying out  
9 the program, the Secretary shall—

10 “(1) study and assess the nature and extent of  
11 damage to the threatened areas caused by feral  
12 swine;

13 “(2) develop methods to eradicate or control  
14 feral swine in the threatened areas;

15 “(3) develop methods to restore damage caused  
16 by feral swine; and

17 “(4) provide financial assistance to agricultural  
18 producers in threatened areas.

19 “(c) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may provide finan-  
20 cial assistance to agricultural producers under the pro-  
21 gram to implement methods to—

22 “(1) eradicate or control feral swine in the  
23 threatened areas; and

24 “(2) restore damage caused by feral swine.

25 “(d) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall ensure  
26 that the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the

1 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service coordinate for  
2 purposes of this section through State technical commit-  
3 tees established under section 1261(a).

4 “(e) CONTRACTS WITH LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND  
5 UNIVERSITIES.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall direct  
7 the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the  
8 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to enter  
9 into a contract with 1 or more land-grant colleges or  
10 universities to carry out activities under the pro-  
11 gram.

12 “(2) ELIGIBLE LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND  
13 UNIVERSITIES.—A land-grant college or university is  
14 eligible to enter into a contract under paragraph (1)  
15 if such college or university—

16 “(A) has developed and implemented a sys-  
17 tem of evaluating damages from feral swine and  
18 the effectiveness of control and eradication ef-  
19 forts;

20 “(B) shows evidence of a strong working  
21 relationship with the Animal and Plant Health  
22 Inspection Service, Wildlife Services; and

23 “(C) has maintained a State-funded, non-  
24 Federal Wildlife Services program that has in  
25 place an active cooperative agreement with the

1           Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service,  
2           Wildlife Services.

3           “(3) ROLE OF LAND-GRANT COLLEGE OR UNI-  
4           VERSITY.—A land-grant college or university that  
5           enters into a contract under paragraph (1) shall pro-  
6           vide educational support and assistance with control  
7           and eradication efforts under the program by—

8                   “(A) identifying, and carrying out research  
9                   on, novel methods of feral swine control and  
10                  eradication and land remediation;

11                  “(B) assisting the Secretary in identifying  
12                  threatened areas;

13                  “(C) coordinating and collaborating with  
14                  field staff, programmatic staff, and research  
15                  staff within the Natural Resources Conserva-  
16                  tion Service and the Animal and Plant Health  
17                  Inspection Service; and

18                  “(D) consulting with the Secretary on the  
19                  establishment of goals and plans for research to  
20                  be carried out under the program.

21           “(f) COST SHARING.—

22                  “(1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of  
23                  the costs of activities under the program may not  
24                  exceed 75 percent of the total costs of such activi-  
25                  ties.

1           “(2) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—The non-Fed-  
2           eral share of the costs of activities under the pro-  
3           gram may be provided in the form of in-kind con-  
4           tributions of materials or services.

5           “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6           “(1) LAND-GRANT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.—  
7           The term ‘land-grant college or university’ has the  
8           meaning given the term ‘land-grant colleges and uni-  
9           versities’ in section 1404 of the National Agricul-  
10          tural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act  
11          of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103).

12          “(2) THREATENED AREA.—The term ‘threat-  
13          ened area’ means an area of a State in which feral  
14          swine have been identified as a threat to agriculture,  
15          native ecosystems, or human and animal health, as  
16          determined by the Secretary.

17          “(h) FUNDING.—

18          “(1) MANDATORY FUNDING.—Of the funds  
19          made available under section 1241(a)(3)(A), the  
20          Secretary shall use to carry out this section  
21          \$150,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2026  
22          through 2030.

23          “(2) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—Of the funds  
24          made available under paragraph (1)—

1           “(A) 40 percent shall be allocated to the  
2           Natural Resources Conservation Service to  
3           carry out the program, including the provision  
4           of financial assistance to producers for on-farm  
5           trapping and technology related to capturing  
6           and confining feral swine; and

7           “(B) 60 percent shall be allocated to the  
8           Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to  
9           carry out the program, including the use of es-  
10          tablished, and testing of innovative, population  
11          reduction methods.

12          “(3) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EX-  
13          PENSES.—Not more than 10 percent of funds made  
14          available under this section may be used for admin-  
15          istrative expenses of the program.”.

16          (b) REPEAL.—Section 2408 of the Agriculture Im-  
17          provement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 8351 note) is repealed.

18          (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
19          in section 1(b) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of  
20          2018 is amended by striking the item relating to section  
21          2408.

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