

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1163

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to exempt certain recipients of Department of Agriculture conservation assistance from certain reporting requirements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire (for herself, Mr. CRAWFORD, and Mr. ABRAHAM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Improving Access to
5 Farm Conservation Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN RECIPIENTS OF DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION AS-**
3 **SISTANCE FROM CERTAIN REPORTING RE-**
4 **QUIREMENTS.**

5 Section 1244 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16
6 U.S.C. 3844) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(m) EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN REPORTING RE-
9 QUIREMENTS.—

10 “(1) DEFINITION OF EXEMPTED PRODUCER.—

11 In this subsection, the term ‘exempted producer’
12 means a producer or landowner eligible to partici-
13 pate in any conservation program administered by
14 the Secretary.

15 “(2) EXEMPTION.—Notwithstanding the Fed-
16 eral Funding Accountability and Transparency Act
17 of 2006 (Public Law 109–282; 31 U.S.C. 6101
18 note), the requirements of parts 25 and 170 of title
19 2, Code of Federal Regulations (and any successor
20 regulations), shall not apply with respect to assist-
21 ance received by an exempted producer from the
22 Secretary, acting through the Natural Resources
23 Conservation Service.”.

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