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H. R. 3815

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to require the research and development of a policy to insure the production of mushrooms.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself and Mr. MEUSER) 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 “Protecting Mushroom
5 Farmers Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON MUSHROOMS.**

7 Section 522(c) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7
8 U.S.C. 1522(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(20) MUSHROOMS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall
2 carry out research and development, or offer to
3 enter into 1 or more contracts with 1 or more
4 qualified persons to carry out research and de-
5 velopment, regarding a policy to insure—

6 “(i) the production of mushroom
7 growing media; and

8 “(ii) the production of mushrooms.

9 “(B) AVAILABILITY OF POLICY.—Notwith-
10 standing the second sentence of section
11 508(a)(1), and section 508(a)(2), the Corpora-
12 tion shall make a policy described in subpara-
13 graph (A) available if the requirements of sec-
14 tion 508(h) are met.

15 “(C) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DE-
16 SCRIBED.—Research and development described
17 in subparagraph (A) shall evaluate the effective-
18 ness of policies described in that subparagraph,
19 including policies that—

20 “(i) are based on the risk of—

21 “(I) pests, including mushroom
22 phorid flies and sciarid flies;

23 “(II) fungal pathogens; and

24 “(III) viral pathogens;

1 “(ii) consider other causes of loss ap-
2 plicable to mushroom compost and mush-
3 room production, such as—

4 “(I) a loss of electricity due to
5 weather; and

6 “(II) loss of growing media due
7 to excessive 5-year, 10-year, or 20-
8 year rainfall events;

9 “(iii) consider appropriate best prac-
10 tices to minimize the risk of loss;

11 “(iv) consider whether to provide cov-
12 erage for mushrooms under 1 policy or to
13 provide coverage for various phases of pro-
14 duction;

15 “(v) have streamlined reporting and
16 paperwork requirements that take into ac-
17 count short propagation schedules, variable
18 crop years, and the variety of mushrooms
19 that may be produced in a single facility;
20 and

21 “(vi) provide protection for revenue
22 losses.

23 “(D) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years
24 after the date of enactment of this paragraph,
25 the Corporation shall submit to the Committee

1 on Agriculture of the House of Representatives
2 and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
3 and Forestry of the Senate a report that de-
4 scribes—

5 “(i) the results of the research and
6 development carried out under subpara-
7 graph (A); and

8 “(ii) any recommendations with re-
9 spect to those results.”.

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