

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 708

To require the Natural Resources Conservation Service to review the national conservation practice standards, taking into consideration climate benefits, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2023

Ms. BROWNLEY 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Climate Agricultural  
5 Conservation Practices Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONSIDERATION OF CLIMATE BENEFITS IN CON-**  
2 **SERVATION PRACTICE STANDARDS.**

3 Section 1242(h) of the Food Security Act of 1985  
4 (16 U.S.C. 3842(h)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “1  
7 year after the date of enactment of the Agri-  
8 culture Improvement Act of 2018” and insert-  
9 ing “5 years after the date of enactment of the  
10 Climate Agricultural Conservation Practices  
11 Act”;

12 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “;  
13 and” and inserting a semicolon;

14 (C) in subparagraph (D), by striking the  
15 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

16 (D) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(E) evaluate the climate benefits of the  
18 standards.”;

19 (2) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “conserva-  
20 tion innovations and” and inserting “climate bene-  
21 fits, conservation innovations, and”; and

22 (3) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(5) CLIMATE BENEFIT DEFINED.—In this sub-  
24 section, the term ‘climate benefit’ means—

25 “(A) a reduction in agricultural green-  
26 house gas emissions;

1                   “(B) an increase in carbon sequestration;

2                   or

3                   “(C) mitigation against, or adaptation to,

4                   increased weather volatility.”.

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