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119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to make adjustments to the  
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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mrs. HAYES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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ments to the environmental quality incentives program,  
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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 “EQIP Improvement  
5       Act of 2025”.

1   **SEC. 2. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM**

2                   **REFORMS.**

3           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1240B of the Food Secu-  
4   rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–2) is amended—

5                   (1) in subsection (d), by striking paragraph (2)  
6   and inserting the following:

7                   “(2) LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS.—A payment  
8   to a producer for performing a practice may not ex-  
9   ceed, as determined by the Secretary—

10                   “(A) except as provided in subparagraphs  
11                   (B) through (D), 75 percent of the costs associ-  
12                   ated with planning, design, materials, equip-  
13                   ment, installation, labor, management, mainte-  
14                   nance, or training;

15                   “(B) 40 percent of the costs associated  
16                   with planning, design, materials, equipment, in-  
17                   stallation, labor, management, maintenance, or  
18                   training for—

19                           “(i) an access road;

20                           “(ii) an animal mortality facility;

21                           “(iii) an aquaculture pond;

22                           “(iv) clearing and snagging;

23                           “(v) a dam;

24                           “(vi) a dam using a diversion;

25                           “(vii) a dike;

26                           “(viii) a diversion;

- 1 “(ix) a fish raceway or tank;  
2 “(x) an irrigation pipeline;  
3 “(xi) an irrigation reservoir;  
4 “(xii) land clearing;  
5 “(xiii) land smoothing;  
6 “(xiv) a livestock pipeline;  
7 “(xv) obstruction removal;  
8 “(xvi) a pond;  
9 “(xvii) a pumping plant;  
10 “(xviii) spoil spreading;  
11 “(xix) a surface drain using a field  
12 ditch;  
13 “(xx) a main or lateral surface drain;  
14 “(xxi) a vertical drain;  
15 “(xxii) a waste facility closure;  
16 “(xxiii) a waste storage facility;  
17 “(xxiv) waste transfer; or  
18 “(xxv) a waste treatment lagoon;  
19 “(C) 100 percent of income foregone by  
20 the producer; or  
21 “(D) in the case of a practice that includes  
22 1 or more elements described in subparagraphs  
23 (A) through (C)—

1 “(i) 75 percent of the costs incurred  
2 with respect to any elements described in  
3 subparagraph (A);

4 “(ii) 40 percent of the costs incurred  
5 with respect to any elements described in  
6 subparagraph (B); and

7 “(iii) 100 percent of the income for-  
8 gone with respect to any elements de-  
9 scribed in subparagraph (C).”; and

10 (2) in subsection (f), by striking the subsection  
11 designation and heading and all that follows through  
12 “For each” in paragraph (2)(B) and inserting the  
13 following:

14 “(f) ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR WILDLIFE HABI-  
15 TAT.—For each”.

16 (b) LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS.—Section 1240G of  
17 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–7) is  
18 amended by striking “\$450,000” and inserting  
19 “\$150,000”.

20 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Section 1240B of the  
21 Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–2) is  
22 amended by adding at the end the following:

23 “(k) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not less fre-  
24 quently than once each year, the Secretary shall submit  
25 to Congress a report describing—

1           “(1) the amount obligated under the program  
2           with respect to each category of practice, with infor-  
3           mation categorized by fiscal year and State; and  
4           “(2) the amount obligated under the program  
5           in each State, with information categorized by fiscal  
6           year and the size of the operation of each pro-  
7           ducer.”.