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H. R. 7764

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide additional payments under the environmental quality incentives program for implementation of a nutrient management practice, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2022

Mr. HARDER of California 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. ADDITIONAL NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT ASSIST-**
4 **ANCE.**

5 (a) PAYMENTS.—During the period beginning on the
6 date of enactment of this section and ending on September
7 30, 2023, the Secretary of Agriculture shall provide pay-
8 ments under this section to producers that have entered

1 into contracts with the Secretary under the environmental
2 quality incentives program to implement the nutrient man-
3 agement practice.

4 (b) AMOUNT.—A payment to a producer under this
5 section shall be in an amount that, in combination with
6 the applicable payment under section 1240B(d) of the
7 Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–2(d)), does
8 not exceed 100 percent of the costs of implementing the
9 nutrient management practice.

10 (c) FUNDING.—

11 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

12 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
13 retary to carry out this section \$750,000,000 for the
14 period of fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

15 (2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary
16 may use up to 5 percent of funds made available
17 pursuant to paragraph (1) to provide technical as-
18 sistance under this section.

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES

21 PROGRAM.—The term “environmental quality incen-
22 tives program” means the environmental quality in-
23 centives program established under subchapter A of
24 chapter 4 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Se-
25 curity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa et seq.).

1 (2) NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PRACTICE.—The
2 term “nutrient management practice” means the
3 practice described in the conservation practice stand-
4 ard for nutrient management established by the
5 Natural Resources Conservation Service, code 590,
6 dated May, 2019, or any successor conservation
7 practice standard for nutrient management estab-
8 lished by the Natural Resources Conservation Serv-
9 ice pursuant to title XII of the Food Security Act
10 of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.).

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