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# H. R. 4298

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 8, 2017

Mrs. HARTZLER 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 “CRP Grazing Flexi-  
5 bility Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRAZING AS MID-CONTRACT MANAGEMENT.**

7 (a) SPECIFIED ACTIVITIES PERMITTED.—Section  
8 1233(b) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.  
9 3833(b)) is amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “; and” and  
2     inserting a semicolon;

3           (2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at  
4     the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

6           “(6) grazing pursuant to section 1232(a)(5)  
7     without any reduction in the rental rate, if the graz-  
8     ing is consistent with the conservation of soil, water  
9     quality, and wildlife habitat.”.

10          (b) COST SHARING PAYMENTS.—Section 1234(b) of  
11     the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3834(b)) is  
12     amended by adding at the end the following:

13           “(6) MID-CONTRACT MANAGEMENT GRAZING.—  
14     The Secretary may not make any cost sharing pay-  
15     ment to an owner or operator under this subchapter  
16     for any grazing undertaken pursuant to section  
17     1232(a)(5).”.

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