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H. R. 8653

To authorize appropriations to carry out payments with respect to qualified losses of covered crops occurring in calendar year 2022, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. COSTA, Mr. PANETTA, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BERA, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. PALAZZO, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. VALADAO, Mrs. HINSON, Ms. SCHRIER, and 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “The Emergency Relief
5 Program Reauthorization Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. QUALIFIED LOSSES OF COVERED CROPS OCCUR-**
2 **RING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2022.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a
4 program to make payments—

5 (1) for necessary expenses related to qualified
6 losses of covered crops occurring in calendar year
7 2022 in accordance with subsection (b); and

8 (2) to producers of livestock, as determined by
9 the Secretary, for losses incurred during calendar
10 year 2022 due to drought or wildfires.

11 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF PAYMENTS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
13 graph (2), payments to producers for qualified losses
14 of covered crops under subsection (a) shall be ad-
15 ministered in the same manner and under the same
16 terms and conditions as payments made under the
17 heading “Department of Agriculture—Agricultural
18 Programs—Processing, Research and Marketing—
19 Office of the Secretary” in the Extending Govern-
20 ment Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance
21 Act (Public Law 117–43).

22 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—

23 (A) QUALIFIED LOSSES DURING CALENDAR
24 YEAR 2022.—Payments under subsection (a)
25 shall apply to—

1 (i) qualified losses of covered crops oc-
2 ccurring in calendar year 2022; and

3 (ii) losses of livestock incurred during
4 calendar year 2022 due to drought or
5 wildfires.

6 (B) PAYMENT LIMITATION.—With respect
7 to payment limitations applied for losses de-
8 scribed in subsection (a), the Secretary shall
9 apply separate payment limitations for losses
10 occurring in calendar year 2022.

11 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
12 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
13 such sums as may be necessary.

14 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) COVERED CROP.—The term “covered crop”
16 means crops (including milk, on-farm stored com-
17 modities, crops prevented from planting in 2022,
18 and harvested adulterated wine grapes), trees,
19 bushes, and vines.

20 (2) QUALIFIED LOSS.—The term “qualified
21 loss” means a—

22 (A) loss of a covered crop as a consequence
23 of a drought, wildfire, hurricane, flood, derecho,
24 excessive heat, winter storm, freeze (including a

1 polar vortex), smoke exposure, or excessive
2 moisture, as determined by the Secretary; and

3 (B) quality loss of a covered crop, as deter-
4 mined by the Secretary.

5 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
6 the Secretary of Agriculture.

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