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S. 1613

To amend the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 to reauthorize the feral swine eradication and control pilot program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 16, 2023

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mr. WARNOCK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Feral Swine Eradi-
5 cation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL PRO-**
 2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2408 of the Agriculture
 4 Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 8351 note; Public
 5 Law 115–334) is amended—

6 (1) in the section heading, by striking
 7 “**PILOT**”;

8 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “pilot pro-
 9 gram” and inserting “program (referred to in this
 10 section as the ‘program’)”;

11 (3) in subsection (b)—

12 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
 13 by striking “pilot”;

14 (B) in each of paragraphs (1) and (2), by
 15 striking “the pilot areas” and inserting “eligible
 16 areas”;

17 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking “pilot”
 18 and inserting “eligible”;

19 (D) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
 20 (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

21 (E) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
 22 following:

23 “(3) after the Secretary determines that feral
 24 swine have been eradicated from an eligible area, en-
 25 sure that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection
 26 Service and the Natural Resources Conservation

1 Service continue monitoring that area for the reoc-
2 currence of feral swine for a period of 1 year;”;

3 (4) in each of subsections (c), (e), (f), and (g),
4 by striking “pilot program” each place it appears
5 and inserting “program”;

6 (5) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “the pilot
7 areas” and inserting “eligible areas”;

8 (6) in subsection (e), in the subsection heading,
9 by striking “PILOT” and inserting “ELIGIBLE”;

10 (7) in subsection (g)(1), by striking “2019
11 through 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”;
12 and

13 (8) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(h) REPORTS.—Not later than 2 years, and not
15 later than 4 years and 6 months, after the date of enact-
16 ment of this subsection, the Administrator of the Animal
17 and Plant Health Inspection Service and the Chief of the
18 Natural Resources Conservation Service, acting jointly,
19 shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
20 and Forestry of the Senate and the Committee on Agri-
21 culture of the House of Representatives and make publicly
22 available on the website of the Department of Agriculture
23 a report that—

1 “(1) describes, for the period beginning on the
2 date of the establishment of the program and ending
3 on the date of the submission of the report—

4 “(A) activities carried out under the pro-
5 gram, including—

6 “(i) the number of counties in which
7 feral swine are no longer present; and

8 “(ii) estimated reductions in agri-
9 culture and natural resource damage, and
10 improvements to human and livestock
11 health and safety, as a result of feral swine
12 removal;

13 “(B) the use of funding made available
14 under this section, including the number of
15 counties in each State provided funding; and

16 “(C) the roles of the Animal and Plant
17 Health Inspection Service and the Natural Re-
18 sources Conservation Service and agricultural
19 producers provided financial assistance under
20 this section in carrying out activities under the
21 program; and

22 “(2) includes—

23 “(A) a determination by the Administrator
24 of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection
25 Service and the Chief of the Natural Resources

1 Conservation Service as to the extent to which
2 the program has been successful; and

3 “(B) any recommendations for improve-
4 ments to the program.”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
6 tents for the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public
7 Law 115–334; 132 Stat. 4491) is amended by striking
8 the item relating to section 2408 and inserting the fol-
9 lowing:

“Sec. 2408. Feral swine eradication and control program.”.

