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To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to provide for the enrollment of citrus land in the conservation reserve program, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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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 "Conservation Reserve

5 Program Amendments Act of 2023".

6 **SEC. 2. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM AMENDMENTS.**

7   (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1231 of the Food Security

8 Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831) is amended—

1   (1) in subsection (b)(5)—

2   (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking "or"

3   at the end;

4   (B) in subparagraph (E), by inserting "or"

5   at the end; and

6   (C) by adding at the end the following:

7   "(F) the land has, during the 10-year pe-

8   riod preceding the date of enactment of this

9   subparagraph, been used to plant a citrus

10   crop;"; and

11   (2) by adding at the end the following:

12   "(j) CITRUS LAND.—

13   "(1) IN GENERAL.—In enrolling acres of citrus

14   land described in subsection (b)(5)(F) in the con-

15   servation reserve, the Secretary shall enroll the land

16   using the continuous enrollment procedure described

17   in subsection (d)(6).

18   "(2) PRIORITY.—In enrolling acres of citrus

19   land described in subsection (b)(5)(F) in the con-

20   servation reserve, the Secretary may give priority to

21   land that, as determined by the Secretary—

22   "(A) is at risk of conversion or develop-

23   ment;

24   "(B) is affected by huanglongbing; or

1   "(C) is of ecological significance, including

2   land that—

3   "(i) may assist in the restoration of

4   threatened or endangered species under

5   the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16

6   U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

7   "(ii) may assist in preventing a spe-

8   cies from being listed as a threatened or

9   endangered species under that Act; or

10   "(iii) improves or creates wildlife habi-

11   tat corridors.

12   "(3) INCIDENTAL LAND.—In enrolling land in

13   the conservation reserve, land owned by an owner of

14   citrus land described in subsection (b)(5)(F) that is

15   incidental to agricultural production may be consid-

16   ered for enrollment if the Secretary determines that

17   the incidental land is at risk of conversion or devel-

18   opment and is of ecological significance as described

19   in paragraph (2)(C).

20   "(4) FALLOW GROVES.—Not later than 180

21   days after the later of the first day of the period of

22   enrollment of citrus land described in subsection

23   (b)(5)(F) in the conservation reserve and the date

24   on which Secretary notifies an owner or operator of

25   the decision of the Secretary to enroll citrus land de-

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1 scribed in subsection (b)(5)(F) in the conservation

2 reserve, the owner or operator of the citrus land en-

3 rolled in the conservation reserve shall provide evi-

4 dence to the Secretary that any fallow groves that

5 are affected by huanglongbing within the enrolled

6 area have been removed.

7 "(5) DURATION OF CONTRACTS.—For the pur-

8 pose of carrying out enrollment of citrus land de-

9 scribed in subsection (b)(5)(F), the Secretary shall

10 enter into contracts of not less than 1, and not more

11 than 5, years.

12 "(6) LIMITATIONS.—For each of fiscal years

13 2024 through 2028, the total acreage of citrus land

14 described in subsection (b)(5)(F) enrolled in the con-

15 servation reserve shall not exceed 100,000 acres.".

16 (b) EXCLUSION OF ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME LIMI-

17 TATION.—Section 1001D(b)(2)(C) of the Food Security

18 Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308–3a(b)(2)(C)) is amended by

19 striking "the Food Security Act of 1985." and inserting

20 "this Act (other than a payment or benefit under the con-

21 servation reserve program under subchapter B of chapter

22 1 of subtitle D of that title with respect to citrus land

23 described in section 1231(b)(5)(F)).".