

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5048

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 with respect to eligibility to become a third-party provider, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2018

Mr. BOST (for himself and Mr. SOTO) 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 “Nutrient Management
5 Technical Service Provider Certification Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO THE FOOD SECURITY ACT OF 1985.**

7 Section 1242(e) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16
8 U.S.C. 3842(e)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(4) ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this
2 subsection, the Secretary shall approve any
3 qualified certification that the Secretary deter-
4 mines to meet or exceed to the national criteria
5 provided under paragraph (3)(B).

6 “(B) QUALIFIED CERTIFICATION.—In this
7 paragraph, the term ‘qualified certification’
8 means a professional certification that is estab-
9 lished by the Secretary, an agriculture-related
10 retailer, a farmer cooperative, the American So-
11 ciety of Agronomy, or the National Alliance of
12 Independent Crop Consultants, including cer-
13 tification—

14 “(i) as a Certified Crop Advisor by
15 the American Society for Agronomy;

16 “(ii) as a Certified Professional
17 Agronomist by the American Society for
18 Agronomy; and

19 “(iii) as a Comprehensive Nutrient
20 Management Plan Specialist by the Sec-
21 retary.”.

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