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119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To improve drought related disaster assistance programs of the Department  
of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. LETLOW introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

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 “Drought Assistance  
5       Improvement Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. LIVESTOCK FORAGE DISASTER PROGRAM.**

7       Section 1501(c)(3)(D)(ii)(I) of the Agricultural Act  
8       of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9081(c)(3)(D)(ii)(I)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “at least 8 consecutive” and in-  
2 serting the following: “not less than—

3 “(aa) 4 consecutive weeks  
4 during the normal grazing period  
5 for the county, as determined by  
6 the Secretary, shall be eligible to  
7 receive assistance under this  
8 paragraph in an amount equal to  
9 1 monthly payment using the  
10 monthly payment rate deter-  
11 mined under subparagraph (B);  
12 or

13 “(bb) 8 consecutive”; and

14 (2) in item (bb) (as so designated), by striking  
15 “1 monthly payment” and inserting “2 monthly pay-  
16 ments”.

17 **SEC. 3. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR LIVESTOCK, HONEY**  
18 **BEEES, AND FARM-RAISED FISH PROGRAM.**

19 (a) DOCUMENTATION STANDARDS.—Section 1501(d)  
20 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9081(d)) is  
21 amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “drought,”  
23 after “adverse weather,”;

24 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “adverse  
25 weather or drought,” after “disease,”; and

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

2 “(5) DOCUMENTATION STANDARDS.—For pur-  
3 poses of this subsection, the Secretary, in consulta-  
4 tion with eligible producers of farm-raised fish, shall  
5 establish a documentation standard for each of the  
6 following:

7 “(A) Collecting data.

8 “(B) Production of crawfish, as related to  
9 reductions in harvest.

10 “(C) Defining loss conditions due to  
11 drought.”.

12 (b) REDUCED CRAWFISH HARVEST ELIGIBILITY.—  
13 Subsection 1501(d)(2) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7  
14 U.S.C. 9081(d)(2)) is further amended by inserting “and  
15 loss of crawfish harvest due to adverse weather or  
16 drought” after “cattle tick fever”.