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119TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 with respect to the emergency watershed program, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina 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 “Flooding Prevention,  
5 Assessment, and Restoration Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROGRAM.**

7 Section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978  
8 (16 U.S.C. 2203) is amended by adding at the end the  
9 following:

1           “(c) LEVEL OF RESTORATION.—In carrying out this  
2 section, the Secretary may undertake measures that in-  
3 crease the level of protection above that which would be  
4 necessary to address the immediate impairment of the wa-  
5 tershed if the Secretary determines that such restoration  
6 is—

7                   “(1) in the best interest of the long-term health  
8           and the protection of the watershed from repetitive  
9           impairments; and

10                   “(2) cost-effective and appropriate, given risks  
11           to the environment.”.

12 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL AGRICULTURE FLOOD VULNERABILITY**  
13                   **STUDY.**

14           Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment  
15 of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to  
16 the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representa-  
17 tives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and  
18 Forestry of the Senate a national agriculture flood vulner-  
19 ability report containing the results of a conservation ef-  
20 fects assessment project studying flood risk on agricul-  
21 tural lands, including—

22                   (1) an analysis of economic losses of crops and  
23           livestock resulting from flooding under different re-  
24           currence scenarios;

1           (2) an analysis of the downstream effects of  
2 mitigation activities carried out as part of a water-  
3 shed management approach;

4           (3) an analysis of available Federal and State  
5 data relating to flood risk, as applicable to agricul-  
6 tural land, including data relating to riverine flood-  
7 ing, coastal flooding, storm surge, extreme precipita-  
8 tion, and flash flooding; and

9           (4) a description of ongoing producer-level con-  
10 servation practices and broader government initia-  
11 tives to manage flooding impact and flood risk with-  
12 in and across watersheds, and recommendations for  
13 additional practices and initiatives to further address  
14 such impact and risk.

15 **SEC. 4. REHABILITATION OF STRUCTURAL MEASURES**  
16 **NEAR, AT, OR PAST THEIR EVALUATED LIFE**  
17 **EXPECTANCY.**

18       The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act  
19 is amended—

20           (1) in section 2 (16 U.S.C. 1002), by striking  
21 “respectively.” and all that follows through “must  
22 contain” and inserting “respectively. Each project,  
23 other than a rehabilitation project under section 14,  
24 must contain”; and

1           (2) in section 14(b)(2) (16 U.S.C. 1012(b)(2)),  
2       by striking “65 percent” and inserting “90 per-  
3       cent”.