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113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 954

AN ACT

To reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 “(A) such sums as are necessary for each
2 of fiscal years 2009 through 2013; and

3 “(B) \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years
4 2014 through 2018.”.

5 **Subtitle B—Livestock**

6 **SEC. 12101. WILDLIFE RESERVOIR ZOOTIC DISEASE INI-** 7 **TIATIVE.**

8 Title IV of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and
9 Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7621 et seq.)
10 is amended by adding at the end the following:

11 **“SEC. 413. WILDLIFE RESERVOIR ZOOTIC DISEASE INI-** 12 **TIATIVE.**

13 “(a) DEFINITION OF COVERED DISEASE.—In this
14 section, the term ‘covered disease’ means a zootic dis-
15 ease affecting domestic livestock that is transmitted pri-
16 marily from wildlife.

17 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
18 the Department a wildlife reservoir zootic disease initia-
19 tive to provide assistance through Coordinated Agricul-
20 tural Project grants for research and development of sur-
21 veillance methods, vaccines, vaccination delivery systems,
22 or diagnostic tests for covered diseases.

23 “(c) COVERED DISEASE.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for a grant
25 under this section, an eligible entity shall conduct

1 research and development of surveillance methods,
2 vaccines, vaccination delivery systems, or diagnostic
3 tests for covered diseases in—

4 “(A) a wildlife reservoir in the United
5 States; or

6 “(B) domestic livestock or wildlife pre-
7 senting a potential concern to public health.

8 “(2) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this
9 section, the Secretary shall give priority to grants
10 that address—

11 “(A) *Brucella abortus* (Bovine Brucellosis);

12 “(B) *Mycobacterium bovis* (Bovine Tuber-
13 culosis); or

14 “(C) other zoonotic disease in livestock
15 that is covered by a high-priority research and
16 extension initiative conducted under section
17 1672 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation,
18 and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925).

19 “(d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The Secretary shall carry
20 out the initiative established under subsection (b) through
21 public scientific research consortia that may consist of
22 members from—

23 “(1) Federal agencies;

24 “(2) National Laboratories;

25 “(3) institutions of higher education;

1 “(4) research institutions and organizations; or

2 “(5) State agricultural experiment stations.

3 “(e) RESEARCH PROJECTS.—In carrying out this
4 section, the Secretary shall award grants on a competitive
5 basis.

6 “(f) ADMINISTRATION.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of grants
8 awarded under this section, the Secretary shall—

9 “(A) seek and accept proposals for grants;

10 “(B) determine the relevance and merit of
11 proposals through a system of peer and merit
12 review in accordance with section 103;

13 “(C) award grants on the basis of merit,
14 quality, and relevance; and

15 “(D) manage the initiative established
16 under subsection (b) using a Coordinated Agri-
17 cultural Project format.

18 “(2) TERM.—The term of a grant under this
19 section may not exceed 10 years.

20 “(3) MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED.—The Sec-
21 retary shall require the recipient of a grant under
22 this section to provide funds or in-kind support from
23 non-Federal sources in an amount that is not less
24 than 25 percent of the amount provided by the Fed-
25 eral Government.

1 “(4) OTHER CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may
 2 set such other conditions on the award of a grant
 3 under this section as the Secretary determines to be
 4 appropriate.

5 “(g) BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES.—Funds made
 6 available under this section shall not be used for—

7 “(1) the construction of a new building or facil-
 8 ity; or

9 “(2) the acquisition, expansion, remodeling, or
 10 alteration of an existing building or facility (includ-
 11 ing site grading and improvement and architect
 12 fees).

13 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
 15 appropriated to carry out this section \$7,000,000 for
 16 each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.

17 “(2) ALLOCATION.—Of the amount made avail-
 18 able for a fiscal year under paragraph (1), the Sec-
 19 retary shall use not less than 30 percent of the
 20 amount for the fiscal year to carry out activities
 21 under each of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of sub-
 22 section (c)(2).”.

23 **SEC. 12102. TRICHINAE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.**

24 (a) ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROCESS.—