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**H. R.**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CARTER of Georgia 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 “Farmers’ Assistance  
5       and Immediate Disaster Relief Act” or the “Farmers’  
6       AID Relief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HURRICANE INSURANCE PROTECTION-WIND INDEX**

2 **ENDORSEMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 508 of the Federal Crop  
4 Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508) is amended by adding at  
5 the end the following:

6 “(q) HURRICANE INSURANCE PROTECTION-WIND  
7 INDEX ENDORSEMENT.—

8 “(1) DETERMINATION OF PAYMENT ELIGI-  
9 BILITY.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning with crop  
11 year 2027, in determining whether a county is  
12 eligible with respect to a hurricane weather  
13 event for an indemnity payment under HIP-  
14 WI, the Secretary shall—

15 “(i) use the IBTrACS data set; or  
16 “(ii) subject to subparagraph (B), use  
17 the alternative data set compiled pursuant  
18 to paragraph (2).

19 “(B) CONDITION FOR USE OF ALTER-  
20 NATIVE DATA SET.—For purposes of subpara-  
21 graph (A)(ii), the Secretary may only use the  
22 alternative data set compiled pursuant to para-  
23 graph (2) if—

24 “(i) the data set specified in subpara-  
25 graph (A)(i) is incomplete, as determined  
26 by the Secretary; and

1                             “(ii) one of the following conditions is  
2                             met:

3                             “(I) A weather station operated  
4                             by National Weather Service in the  
5                             county subject to the determination of  
6                             eligibility in subparagraph (A), or an  
7                             adjacent county, was damaged.

8                             “(II) Any other source of data  
9                             for making such determination in  
10                             such county or an adjacent county  
11                             was damaged.

12                             “(III) Any such station or other  
13                             source provided incomplete data, as  
14                             determined by the Secretary.

15                             “(2) COMPIRATION OF ALTERNATIVE DATA  
16                             SET.—For purposes of determining eligibility under  
17                             paragraph (1)(A)(ii), the Secretary shall compile,  
18                             and make available to the public on the website of  
19                             the Department related to IHIP-WI, an alternative  
20                             data set for the hurricane weather event prompting  
21                             such determination using data that—

22                             “(A) is collected for a specified time period  
23                             during such weather event, as determined by  
24                             the Secretary;

1                 “(B) contains the same types of data con-  
2                 tained in the IBTrACS data set; and

3                 “(C) is consistent with the form of such  
4                 types of data, as determined by the Secretary.

5                 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

6                 “(A) IIIP-WI.—The term ‘IIIP-WI’  
7                 means the Hurricane Insurance Protection-  
8                 Wind Index endorsement established in 2020 by  
9                 the Risk Management Agency of the Depart-  
10                 ment.

11                 “(B) IBTRACS DATA SET.—The term  
12                 ‘IBTrACS data set’ means the International  
13                 Best Track Archive for Climate Stewardship  
14                 data set from the National Oceanic and Atmos-  
15                 pheric Administration, including the season,  
16                 name, time, location in latitude and longitude,  
17                 maximum sustained winds, hurricane category,  
18                 and wind extents data associated with a hurri-  
19                 cane weather event.

20                 “(C) ALTERNATIVE DATA SET.—The term  
21                 ‘alternative data set’ means data collected by a  
22                 weather station that is—

23                 “(i) operated by a land-grant college  
24                 or university (as defined in section 1404 of  
25                 the National Agricultural Research, Exten-

1 sion, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7  
2 U.S.C. 3103)); and

11 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after  
12 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agri-  
13 culture shall—