

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a study of potential improvements to the wetland mitigation process.

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To reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle F of title II, add the following:

2 **SEC. 2508. STUDY OF POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE**

3 **WETLAND MITIGATION PROCESS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 after the date

5 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall carry out a

6 study—

7 (1) to evaluate the use of wetland mitigation

8 procedures under this title and the amendments

9 made by this title;

10 (2) to determine the impact to wildlife habitat

11 of relaxing the acre-for-acre requirement for wetland

12 mitigation plans that result in new wetland that pos-

1 assesses a function and value greater than the wetland
2 that is replaced; and

3 (3) to provide legislative recommendations for
4 how wetland mitigation procedures could be im-
5 proved to better enable agricultural producers to use
6 wetland mitigation in a manner that—

7 (A) benefits wildlife habitat; and

8 (B) allows producers greater access to the
9 wetland mitigation process.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
11 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

12 (1) submit to Congress a report that contains—

13 (A) the findings of the study; and

14 (B) any legislative recommendations under
15 subsection (a)(3); and

16 (2) publish the findings of the study on a public
17 website and in the Federal Register.