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

To authorize appropriations to carry out payments with respect to qualified losses of covered crops occurring in calendar year 2022, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. THOMPSON of California 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 “The Emergency Relief  
5       Program Reauthorization Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. QUALIFIED LOSSES OF COVERED CROPS OCCUR-**  
2 **RING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2022.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a  
4 program to make payments for necessary expenses related  
5 to qualified losses of covered crops occurring in calendar  
6 year 2022 in accordance with subsection (b).

7 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF PAYMENTS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
9 graph (2), payments to producers for qualified losses  
10 of covered crops under subsection (a) shall be ad-  
11 ministered in the same manner and under the same  
12 terms and conditions as payments made under the  
13 heading “Department of Agriculture—Agricultural  
14 Programs—Processing, Research and Marketing—  
15 Office of the Secretary” in the Extending Govern-  
16 ment Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance  
17 Act (Public Law 117–43).

18 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—

19 (A) QUALIFIED LOSSES DURING CALENDAR  
20 YEAR 2022.—Payments under subsection (a)  
21 shall apply to qualified losses of covered crops  
22 occurring in calendar year 2022.

23 (B) PAYMENT LIMITATION.—With respect  
24 to payment limitations applied for qualified  
25 losses described in subsection (a), the Secretary

1           shall apply separate payment limitations for  
2           losses occurring in calendar year 2022.

3           (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
4 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
5 such sums as may be necessary.

6           (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7           (1) COVERED CROP.—The term “covered crop”  
8 means crops (including milk, on-farm stored com-  
9 modities, crops prevented from planting in 2022,  
10 and harvested adulterated wine grapes), trees,  
11 bushes, and vines.

12           (2) QUALIFIED LOSS.—The term “qualified  
13 loss” means a—

14           (A) loss of a covered crop as a consequence  
15 of a drought, wildfire, hurricane, flood, derecho,  
16 excessive heat, winter storm, freeze (including a  
17 polar vortex), smoke exposure, or excessive  
18 moisture, as determined by the Secretary; and

19           (B) quality loss of a covered crop, as deter-  
20 mined by the Secretary.

21           (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
22 the Secretary of Agriculture.