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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To strengthen privacy protections for recipients of loans and payments processed by the Farm Service Agency.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY 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 ''Protecting Agricultural

5 Borrower Information Act''.

1 **SEC. 2. STRENGTHENING OF PRIVACY PROTECTIONS FOR**

2 **RECIPIENTS OF LOANS AND PAYMENTS**

3 **PROCESSED BY THE FARM SERVICE AGENCY.**

4 Section 339 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-

5 velopment Act (7 U.S.C. 1989) is amended by adding at

6 the end the following:

7 ''(f) PRIVACY PROTECTIONS.—

8 ''(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for the

9 Secretary or any officer or employee of the Farm

10 Service Agency to disclose information provided pur-

11 suant to this Act by an applicant for, or a recipient

12 of, a benefit under this Act, to—

13 ''(A) a special government employee, as de-

14 fined in section 202 of title 18, United States

15 Code; or

16 ''(B) a government employee detailed to

17 the Farm Service Agency under section 3341 of

18 title 5 of such Code.

19 ''(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) shall not

20 apply to any of the following:

21 ''(A) DISCLOSURE IN STATISTICAL OR AG-

22 GREGATE FORM.—Information that has been

23 transformed into a statistical or aggregate form

24 which does not allow identification of the pro-

25 vider.

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1   ''(B) CONSENT OF PROVIDER.—Disclosure

2   with the consent of the provider, if the consent

3   is not provided a condition of participation in,

4   or receipt of a benefit under, a program admin-

5   istered by the Secretary.

6   ''(3) VIOLATIONS; PENALTIES.—Whoever know-

7   ingly violates this subsection shall be fined not more

8   than $10,000, imprisoned not more than 1 year, or

9   both.''.