

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Livestock Indemnity  
5       Program Enhancement Act of 2025” or the “LIP En-  
6       hancement Act of 2025”.

7       **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL PAYMENT FOR UNBORN LIVESTOCK.**

8       Section 1501(b) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7  
9       U.S.C. 9081(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
10      lowing:

1           “(5) ADDITIONAL PAYMENT FOR UNBORN LIVE-  
2       STOCK.—

3           “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of unborn  
4       livestock death losses incurred on or after Janu-  
5       ary 1, 2024, the Secretary shall make an addi-  
6       tional payment to eligible producers on farms  
7       that have incurred such losses in excess of the  
8       normal mortality due to a condition specified in  
9       paragraph (1).

10          “(B) PAYMENT RATE.—Additional pay-  
11       ments under subparagraph (A) shall be made at  
12       a rate—

13               “(i) determined by the Secretary; and

14               “(ii) less than or equal to 85 percent  
15       of the payment rate established with re-  
16       spect to the lowest weight class of the live-  
17       stock, as determined by the Secretary, act-  
18       ing through the Administrator of the Farm  
19       Service Agency.

20          “(C) PAYMENT AMOUNT.—The amount of  
21       a payment to an eligible producer that has in-  
22       curred unborn livestock death losses shall be  
23       equal to the payment rate determined under  
24       subparagraph (B) multiplied, in the case of live-  
25       stock described in—

1 “(i) subparagraph (A), (B), or (F) of  
2 subsection (a)(4), by 1;

3 “(ii) subparagraph (D) of such sub-  
4 section, by 2;

5 “(iii) subparagraph (E) of such sub-  
6 section, by 12; and

7 “(iv) subparagraph (G) of such sub-  
8 section, by the average number of birthed  
9 animals (for one gestation cycle) for the  
10 species of each such livestock, as deter-  
11 mined by the Secretary.

12 “(D) UNBORN LIVESTOCK DEATH LOSSES  
13 DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the term ‘unborn  
14 livestock death losses’ means losses of any live-  
15 stock described in subparagraph (A), (B), (D),  
16 (E), (F), or (G) of subsection (a)(4) that was  
17 gestating on the date of the death of the live-  
18 stock.”.