

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to establish additional payments for unborn livestock under the livestock indemnity payment program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRUZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 2024” or the “LIP En-
6 hancement Act of 2024”.

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.”.