

119TH CONGRESS
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To require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish screwworm fly rearing facilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish
screwworm fly rearing facilities, and for other purposes.

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 “Strengthening Tactics
5 to Obstruct the Population of Screwworms Act” or the
6 “STOP Screwworms Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NEW WORLD SCREWORM FLY REARING FACILI-**
2 **TIES.**

3 The Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301
4 et. seq.) is amended by inserting after section 10409A (7
5 U.S.C. 8308a) the following:

6 **“SEC. 10409B. NEW WORLD SCREWORM FLY REARING FA-**
7 **CILITIES.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after
9 the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall
10 begin construction on 1 or more modular New World
11 screwworm fly rearing facilities (referred to in this section
12 as ‘covered facilities’) in eligible areas described in sub-
13 section (c).

14 “(b) FACILITIES.—A covered facility shall provide
15 for—

16 “(1) the rearing of sterile New World
17 screwworm flies; and

18 “(2) the dispersal of sterile New World
19 screwworm flies to areas at risk of New World
20 screwworm fly infestation.

21 “(c) ELIGIBLE AREA DESCRIBED.—An eligible area
22 referred to in subsection (a) is an area of a State that
23 the Secretary determines to be—

24 “(1) at risk of New World screwworm fly infes-
25 tation due to the migratory pattern of confirmed de-
26 tections of New World screwworm flies; and

1 “(2) suitable for dispersal of sterile New World
2 screwworm flies reared at a covered facility estab-
3 lished under this section to additional areas at risk
4 of New World screwworm fly infestation.

5 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
6 of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the
7 Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture,
8 Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the Committee
9 on Agriculture of the House of Representatives, and make
10 publicly available on the website of the Department of Ag-
11 riculture, a report that includes—

12 “(1) an analysis of the current threat posed to
13 agriculture in the United States by New World
14 screwworm flies; and

15 “(2) a description of—

16 “(A) the efforts being taken by the Sec-
17 retary to combat New World screwworm fly mi-
18 gration, including construction and operation of
19 covered facilities; and

20 “(B) the effectiveness of those efforts.

21 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
22 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
23 out this section \$300,000,000, to remain available until
24 expended.”.