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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand certain exceptions to the private activity bond rules for first-time farmers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FINKENAUER (for herself, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. WATKINS, and Mr. FORTENBERRY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Farmers’ Access to
5 Resources and Machinery Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS TO THE PRI-**
7 **VATE ACTIVITY BOND RULES FOR FIRST-**
8 **TIME FARMERS.**

9 (a) INCREASE IN DOLLAR LIMITATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 147(c)(2)(A) of the
 2 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by strik-
 3 ing “\$450,000” and inserting “\$524,200”.

4 (2) REPEAL OF SEPARATE LOWER DOLLAR LIM-
 5 ITATION ON USED FARM EQUIPMENT.—Section
 6 147(c)(2) of such Code is amended by striking sub-
 7 paragraph (F) and by redesignating subparagraphs
 8 (G) and (H) as subparagraphs (F) and (G), respec-
 9 tively.

10 (3) QUALIFIED SMALL ISSUE BOND LIMITATION
 11 CONFORMED TO INCREASED DOLLAR LIMITATION.—
 12 Section 144(a)(11)(A) of such Code is amended by
 13 striking “\$250,000” and inserting “\$524,200”.

14 (4) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 147(c)(2)(G) of
 16 such Code, as redesignated by paragraph (2), is
 17 amended—

18 (i) by striking “after 2008, the dollar
 19 amount in subparagraph (A) shall be in-
 20 creased” and inserting “after 2020, the
 21 dollar amounts in subparagraph (A) and
 22 section 144(a)(11)(A) shall each be in-
 23 creased”; and

24 (ii) by striking “2007” in clause (ii)
 25 and inserting “2019”.

1 (B) CROSS-REFERENCE.—Section
2 144(a)(11) of such Code is amended by adding
3 at the end the following new subparagraph:

4 “(D) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—For infla-
5 tion adjustment of dollar amount contained in
6 subparagraph (A), see section 147(c)(2)(G).”.

7 (b) SUBSTANTIAL FARMLAND DETERMINED ON
8 BASIS OF AVERAGE RATHER THAN MEDIAN FARM
9 SIZE.—Section 147(c)(2)(E) of such Code is amended by
10 striking “median” and inserting “average”.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 this section shall apply to bonds issued after the date of
13 the enactment of this Act.

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