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S. 1781

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

MAY 15, 2025

Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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”.

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

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

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

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

14 “(B) PAYMENT RATE.—Additional pay-
15 ments under subparagraph (A) shall be made at
16 a rate—

17 “(i) determined by the Secretary; and

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

24 “(C) PAYMENT AMOUNT.—The amount of
25 a payment to an eligible producer that has in-
26 curred unborn livestock death losses shall be

equal to the payment rate determined under subparagraph (B) multiplied, in the case of livestock described in—

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

“(ii) subparagraph (D) of such subsection, by 2;

“(iii) subparagraph (E) of such subsection, by 12; and

“(iv) subparagraph (G) of such subsection, by the average number of birthed animals (for one gestation cycle) for the species of each such livestock, as determined by the Secretary.

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

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