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115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 with respect to eligibility to become a third-party provider, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BOST introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Nutrient Management
5 Technical Service Provider Certification Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO THE FOOD SECURITY ACT OF 1985.**

2 Section 1242(e) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16
3 U.S.C. 3842(e)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(4) ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this
7 subsection, the Secretary shall approve any
8 qualified certification that the Secretary deter-
9 mines to meet or exceed to the national criteria
10 provided under paragraph (3)(B).

11 “(B) QUALIFIED CERTIFICATION.—In this
12 paragraph, the term ‘qualified certification’
13 means a professional certification that is estab-
14 lished by the Secretary, an agriculture-related
15 retailer, a farmer cooperative, the American So-
16 ciety of Agronomy, or the National Alliance of
17 Independent Crop Consultants, including cer-
18 tification—

19 “(i) as a Certified Crop Advisor by
20 the American Society for Agronomy;

21 “(ii) as a Certified Professional
22 Agronomist by the American Society for
23 Agronomy; and

24 “(iii) as a Comprehensive Nutrient
25 Management Plan Specialist by the Sec-
26 retary.”.