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**AMENDMENT TO FARM BILL, H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. KISSELL OF NORTH CAROLINA**

At the end of the quoted matter in section 11021, amending section 522(c) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, add the following new paragraph:

1 “() STUDY ON POULTRY CATASTROPHIC DIS-
2 EASE PROGRAM.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall
4 contract with a qualified person to conduct a
5 study to determine the feasibility of insuring
6 poultry producers for a catastrophic event.

7 “(B) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year 10
8 after the date of the enactment of this para-
9 graph, the Corporation shall submit to the
10 Committee on Agriculture of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives and the Committee on Agriculture,
12 Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report
13 that describes the results of the study con-
14 ducted under subparagraph (A).”.



Kissell-Crawford Poultry Insurance Study for Catastrophic Loss Amendment

Below is a summary of an amendment offered by Representatives **Larry Kissell** and **Rick Crawford**, cosponsored by Representatives **Renee Ellmers** and **Mike McIntyre**, to commission the USDA to study the feasibility of creating an insurance program to protect poultry growers and companies in the event of a disease outbreak or other catastrophic loss event.

CBO has confirmed that this amendment is budget neutral and would have no score. It is supported by the **National Chicken Council** and the **National Turkey Federation**.

Catastrophic Loss Insurance Study

The Problem: While the poultry industry, state and federal entities have established the gold standard for poultry disease prevention, outbreaks are still possible, and can have significant impacts on the industry. Disease outbreaks can result in significant losses for both growers and integrators, including destruction of flocks, quarantined farms, and closure or restricted access to export markets. Often, a disease outbreak in one state can lead to prohibitions against imports from a much larger region, or the entire country. The economic consequences of disease can be serious and the resulting trade barriers extended for long periods of time. Additionally, other catastrophic events can result in significant losses for the industry, including consumer misconceptions domestically and abroad.

Proposed Study: This amendment would require the USDA to study the feasibility of an insurance program that would provide support for growers and/or integrators in the event of a disease outbreak or other catastrophic event that results in significant losses. It would investigate the feasibility, cost, and market for such a program.

Bottom Line: Helping growers and integrators cope with the direct losses and market effects of catastrophic disease and other losses could be an important benefit for the poultry industry by helping to mitigate risk and ultimately reduce prices for consumers.