

## HR 6483

SWINE Act

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 8, 2016
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### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Swine Waste Infrastructure and Natural Environment Act or the SWINE Act**

This bill establishes a program to certify environmentally sustainable swine waste disposal technologies and authorizes related tax credits and grants.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) must certify technologies that:

- eliminate animal discharge into surface waters and groundwater through direct discharge, seepage, or runoff;
- substantially eliminate atmospheric emissions of ammonia from swine waste;
- substantially eliminate the emission of odor from swine waste that is detectable beyond the boundaries of the parcel or tract of land on which the swine farm is located;
- substantially eliminate the release of disease-transmitting vectors and airborne pathogens from swine waste;
- substantially eliminate nutrient and heavy metal contamination of soil and groundwater from swine waste; and
- are cost-effective.

States may not issue permits, pursuant to any federal law, to a swine farm that is a concentrated animal feeding operation unless the farm disposes of swine waste using a certified technology.

The bill amends several agricultural laws to:

- require USDA to make competitive grants for activities to identify, evaluate, and demonstrate environmentally superior swine waste management technologies;
- permit the Pork Promotion Board to use its funding for activities related to the grants; and
- make the installation and maintenance of a certified technology on a swine farm eligible for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

The bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow tax credits for: (1) the installation of a certified swine waste disposal technology, and (2) the disposal of swine waste using certified technology.

## **Actions Timeline**

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