

HR 4291

Precision Farming Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 5, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 10, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill amends the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to require the Department of Agriculture to give priority to loan applicants that offer to provide broadband service, at better than the minimum acceptable level of broadband service, to agricultural producers in the proposed service territory to improve their ability to conduct precision farming or ranching. (Precision farming is a strategy that uses various technologies to manage production through data analysis and automation.)

The bill also amends the Communications Act of 1934 to provide universal service support for the installation of broadband services to improve the ability of an agricultural producer to conduct precision farming or ranching. The bill requires broadband providers to install the services at a discount and makes the providers eligible for a reimbursement of the discount. Agricultural producers are limited to one discount that is the lesser of: (1) the amount that the provider would charge other parties for a similar installation, or (2) \$15,000.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 5, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
- **Nov 10, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.