

## HR 5048

### Nutrient Management Technical Service Provider Certification Act of 2018

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. (Feb 15, 2018)

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## Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 15, 2018

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2	Related bill	Dec 20, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-334.

## **Nutrient Management Technical Service Provider Certification Act of 2018**

This bill amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to provide alternative certification methods for third-party technical service providers (TSPs). (TSPs provide technical expertise to agricultural producers on behalf of the Department of Agriculture [USDA] Natural Resource Conservation Service to assist in planning and implementing conservation measures.)

USDA must approve certain professional certifications that meet or exceed national criteria and were established by:

- the USDA,
- an agriculture-related retailer,
- a farmer cooperative,
- the American Society of Agronomy, or
- the National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants.

A qualified certification includes a certifications as:

- a Certified Crop Advisor by the American Society for Agronomy,
- a Certified Professional Agronomist by the American Society for Agronomy, and
- a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan Specialist by USDA.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 15, 2018:** Introduced in House
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