

HR 5048

Nutrient Management Technical Service Provider Certification Act of 2018

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

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

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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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