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NRCS Wetland Compliance and Appeals Reform Act

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This bill revises provisions related to the wetland certification program at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA), including by

- prohibiting the NRCS from acquiring any permanent easement;
- prohibiting USDA from imposing penalties retroactively for newly determined wetlands;
- revising the appeals process of the NRCS for wetland certification requests;
- prohibiting USDA from using new rationale for a wetland determination if a person has previously successfully appealed a final wetland determination;
- establishing that USDA bears the burden of proof, by clear and convincing evidence, that a person has violated certain wetland conservation provisions;
- requiring USDA to establish oversight committees in each state that will oversee the appeals of wetland determinations; and
- requiring that each individual who interacts with the NRCS have the option to participate in a customer satisfaction survey provided by an independent survey company.

Actions Timeline

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