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2D SESSION

S. 4745

To amend the Plant Protection Act to establish a fund for spotted wing drosophila research and mitigation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 2, 2022

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BRAUN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Spotted Wing Abate-
5 ment Trust Act of 2022” or the “SWAT Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the spotted wing drosophila, an invasive
9 species from East Asia, has caused significant dam-
10 age to many valuable fruit crops in the United

1 States, including raspberries, blackberries, blue-
2 berries, strawberries, peaches, plums, and cherries;
3 and

4 (2) the Department of Agriculture estimates
5 that spotted wing drosophila account for a combined
6 20 percent revenue loss across strawberry, blueberry,
7 raspberry, blackberry, and cherry crops, based on re-
8 ported yield losses due to that species.

9 **SEC. 3. SPOTTED WING DROSOPHILA RESEARCH AND MITI-**
10 **GATION.**

11 Subtitle A of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C.
12 7711 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing:

14 **“SEC. 420A. SPOTTED WING DROSOPHILA RESEARCH AND**
15 **MITIGATION.**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Ani-
17 mal and Plant Health Inspection Service (referred to in
18 this section as the ‘Administrator’) shall establish a fund
19 within the Department of Agriculture to fund research re-
20 lating to, and activities to mitigate the negative effects of,
21 spotted wing drosophila.

22 “(b) ADMINISTRATION OF FUND.—The Adminis-
23 trator shall—

24 “(1) determine eligible recipients to enter into
25 cooperative agreements with, or award grants to,

1 using amounts in the fund established under sub-
2 section (a); and

3 “(2) oversee the activities carried out using
4 amounts in that fund.

5 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 is authorized to be appropriated for the fund established
7 under subsection (a) \$6,500,000 for each of fiscal years
8 2022 through 2028.”.

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