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To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to permit the Secretary of Agriculture to waive the prohibition on the termination of conservation reserve contracts for certain lands, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HARKIN 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. TERMINATION OF CONSERVATION RESERVE**

4 **CONTRACTS BY OWNERS OR OPERATORS.**

5 Section 1235(e) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16

6 U.S.C. 3835(e)) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and

7 inserting the following:

8 “(2) CERTAIN LANDS EXCEPTED.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
2 graph (B), the following lands shall not be sub-
3 ject to an early termination of contract under
4 this subsection:

5 “(i) Filterstrips, waterways, strips ad-
6 jacent to riparian areas, windbreaks, and
7 shelterbelts.

8 “(ii) Land with an erodibility index of
9 more than 15.

10 “(iii) Other lands of high environ-
11 mental value (including wetlands), as de-
12 termined by the Secretary.

13 “(B) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive
14 the application of subparagraph (A) to land if
15 the Secretary determines that the land will be
16 used only—

17 “(i) for haying, grazing, or other use
18 not involving the destruction of vegetative
19 cover; and

20 “(ii) in a manner that adequately pro-
21 tects the natural resource base of the
22 land.”.

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