

## **Water 5 - Cybersecurity Circuit Rider Program for Rural Water and Wastewater Infrastructure**

This proposal implements the CSC recommendation to create a cybersecurity circuit rider program within the USDA for rural water and wastewater infrastructure.

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### **A BILL**

To include cybersecurity within the existing circuit rider program in the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide technical assistance to certain rural water and wastewater infrastructure providers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

(a) In General.—Section 306(a)(22)(B) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(22)(B)) is amended by striking “and (ii)” inserting after paragraph (i) the following:

“(ii) shall include—

“(I) cybersecurity technical assistance for rural water systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons to—

“(a) assess system efficacy in protecting against cyber threats; and

“(b) implement cybersecurity plans, procedures, and technologies to protect against cyber threats; and

(iii)”

(b) Section 306(a)(22)(B) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(22)(B)) is amended by inserting after paragraph (iii) the following:

“(b) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2027.”