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119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To prohibit the closure or relocation of certain Department of Agriculture offices, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “USDA Field Office  
5 Stability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CLOSURE OR RELOCATION OF**  
2 **CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
3 **OFFICES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture (in  
5 this section referred to as the “Secretary”) may not close  
6 or relocate a county or field office of the Natural Re-  
7 sources Conservation Service, the Farm Service Agency,  
8 a Rural Development area, or any county service center  
9 of the Department of Agriculture.

10 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply  
11 with respect to—

12 (1) an office that is located not more than 20  
13 miles from another office of the Natural Resources  
14 Conservation Service, the Farm Service Agency, a  
15 Rural Development area, or any county service cen-  
16 ter, unless such other office is in another State; or

17 (2) the relocation of an office within the same  
18 county in the course of routine leasing operations.

19 (c) MINIMUM STAFFING LEVELS FOR LOCAL SERV-  
20 ICE CENTERS.—The Secretary shall maintain, at a min-  
21 imum, staffing levels at Natural Resources Conservation  
22 Service, Farm Service Agency, and Rural Development  
23 local service centers that keep all such centers open and  
24 accessible to the public during standard business hours.