

McConnell's farmland preservation bill becomes law

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A measure introduced by U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky) in an effort to combat the loss of farmland to large-scale developers has been signed into law by President Donald Trump.

The legislation, called the Protecting American Farmlands Act, aims to help farmers who want to sell their land keep it in agricultural production by decreasing the capital gains tax burden if they sell to another farmer. More specifically, the measure defers the capital gains tax over a four-year period if the farmer sells the

land to a farmer who will keep it in agricultural production for a minimum of 10 years, McConnell's office explained in a news release.

McConnell's office said the senator made sure the measure was added into President Donald Trump's "One Big, Beautiful Bill," which the president signed into law on July 4.

"The Protecting American Farmlands Act addresses the steady decline in available farmland by easing the tax burden on our hardworking producers," a statement from McConnell read. "This is a huge win for Kentucky farmers and will help preserve

our vital farmland for future generations."

Among the measure's supporters is Kentucky Farm Bureau, which in 2024 launched the Kentucky Farmland Transition Initiative Network in an effort to preserve farmland in the state. According to the Kentucky Farm Bureau, the network is "a coalition of Kentucky agricultural organizations and institutions committed to preserving farmland for active farmers."

When the network announced its endorsement of the Protecting American Farmlands Act in March, Kentucky Farm Bureau President Eddie Melton released a statement

saying "The farms we know and love as Kentuckians are at risk," and "At the current rate of farmland loss, the number of Kentucky farmers will be cut in half over the next 60 years. We can't solve this problem alone, and fortunately, we don't have to. With the support of Senator McConnell and so many influential leaders in agriculture, we have an opportunity to make real progress in preserving our farmland. The passage of the Protecting American Farmlands Act is an essential step in this effort."

In another statement released Monday celebrating the bill's passage, Melton explained why he and the Kentucky Farm Bureau

believe capital gains tax relief will help preserve farmland in the commonwealth.

"This is a crucial first step in providing America's farmers capital gains relief while incentivizing keeping farmland in the hands of active farmers," the statement read in part. "This will provide farmers with another tool when looking to transition their land while also addressing the drastic loss of farmland across the country. Senator McConnell has long been a champion for Kentucky agriculture, and this legislation is a testament to his commitment to the American farmer and the future security of America's food supply."

Women in legislatures across the US fight for 'potty parity'

BY KIMBERLEE KRUESI AND CLAIRE RUSH
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For female state lawmakers in Kentucky, choosing when to go to the bathroom has long required careful calculation.

There are only two bathroom stalls for women on the third floor of the Kentucky Statehouse, where the House and Senate chambers are located. Female legislators — 41 of the 138 member Legislature — needing a reprieve during a lengthy floor session have to weigh the risk of missing an important debate or a critical vote.

None of their male colleagues face the same dilemma because, of course, multiple men's bathrooms are available. The Legislature even installed speakers in the men's bathrooms to broadcast the chamber's events so they don't miss anything important.

In a pinch, House Speaker David Osborne allows women to use his single stall bathroom in the chamber, but even that attracts long lines.

"You get the message very quickly: This place was not really built for us," said Rep. Lisa Willner, a Democrat from Louisville, reflecting on the photos of former lawmakers, predominantly male, that line her office.

The issue of potty parity may seem comic, but its impact runs deeper than uncomfortably full bladders, said Kathryn Anthony, professor emerita at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's School of Architecture.

"It's absolutely critical because the built environment reflects our culture and reflects our population," said Anthony, who has testified on the issue before Congress. "And if you have an environment that is designed for half the population but forgets about the other half, you have a group of disenfranchised people and disadvantaged people."



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On July 25, Colorado House Majority Leader Monica Duran, D-Wheat Ridge, holds a photo of Rep. Arie Taylor, the state's first Black woman legislator, who was instrumental in creating the first women's restroom at the state Capitol in Denver.

HEAT

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Provide cool water for workers to drink and remind workers to drink regularly, not just when thirsty. For longer jobs that exceed two hours, employers should provide electrolyte-containing beverages.

When possible, use methods to make the environment cooler with air conditioning, misting fans, increased ventilation, reflective shields, etc. Reduce manual workload with mechanization where possible.

Ensure workers are wearing light colored, loose-fitting clothing that doesn't trap heat or moisture. Some types of personal protective equipment can increase the risk of heat-related illness.

Employers should also train all supervisors and workers how to identify and control heat hazards, recognize signs and symptoms, administer first aid and to be ready to engage emergency medical services quickly.

Common signs of heat exhaustion can include:

- Headache, nausea, dizziness
- Weakness, irritability
- Thirst, decreased urine

- Heavy sweating
- Elevated body temperature

If an employee experiences these symptoms, action should be taken to cool them down. This can include moving them to cooler area, removing unnecessary clothing, providing cool water and cooling them with water, ice or a fan. They should not be left alone and should be monitored.

Heat exhaustion can progress to heat stroke if not treated promptly. Heat stroke is a life-threatening emergency, and if any of the following symptoms are observed, 911 should be called immediately:

- Slurred speech, confusion

- Loss of consciousness
- Hot, dry skin or profuse sweating
- Very high body temperature
- Seizures

The OSHA-NIOSH Heat Safety Tool is a free app that employers can download to monitor heat hazards in real-time. The app uses heat index data and hourly forecasts from the National Weather Service to assign risk levels specific to your geographic location. Precautionary recommendations are provided based on the heat index risk level. The app also allows quick access to symptoms of heat illness and tips for first aid.

HOSPITAL

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noted for excellence were, in order of ranking, University of Kentucky Albert B. Chandler Hospital, Lexington; Baptist Health Lexington; Norton Hospitals, Louisville; St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; and Baptist Health Louisville.

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The Little Kentucky River Watershed Conservancy District is hereby advertising for and accepting sealed bids for the lease of the Lake Jericho Recreational Camping Area, located at 1317 Lake Access Road, Smithfield, Kentucky 40068. This Lease will include the operation of the Park, Campground, and all recreation at the Park. Interested bidders shall submit their sealed bids, including contact information, to the District's Attorney, Jake A. Thompson, via email at JThompson@cbkylaw.com, or by submitting the sealed bids in-person to the District's Secretary, Shayna Gibson, at 1125 Campbellsburg Road, New Castle, Kentucky 40050, or to Jake A. Thompson at 523 Highland Avenue, Carrollton, Kentucky 41008. Bids must be received no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday, August 15th, 2025. Bids will be opened and viewed on Monday, August 18th, 2025, at 2:00 P.M., at 1125 Campbellsburg Road, New Castle, Kentucky 40050. This is not a District meeting, but will simply be an "open" administrative meeting where sealed bids shall be opened. Bidders may attend the meeting, but attendance is not required to have their bid considered. All submitted bids should include the proposed price to be paid for the Lease; any capital improvements the bidder is willing to make; the desired term of the Lease; details regarding the bidder's intentions and plans for the property if the Lease is obtained; and how same will be accomplished; and, any other pertinent details regarding the Lease. The District will consider all parts of the bid, including relevant experience and standing of the bidders, in selecting a winning bid. If/once a bidder is selected, the District may negotiate and enter into a Lease with the selected bidder, based on the terms contained within said bid. The District reserves the right to waive any and all formalities and reject any and all bids.

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Approved by Chairman, Tommy Webb and Secretary/Treasurer, Roger Taylor on 7/17/2025.

/s/ Tommy Webb

Tommy Webb, Chairman

7/17/25

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Roger Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer

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