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To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to modify the definition of the term “biobased product”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. SCHRADER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Forest Products Fairness Act of 2012”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF BIOBASED PRODUCT.

Section 9001 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8101) is amended— (1) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

“(4) BIOBASED PRODUCT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘biobased product’ means a product determined by the Secretary to be a commercial or industrial product (other than food or feed) that is—

“(i) composed, in whole or in significant part, of biological products, including renewable domestic agricultural materials and forestry materials; or “(ii) an intermediate ingredient or feedstock.

“(B) INCLUSION.—The term ‘biobased product’, with respect to forestry materials, includes forest products that meet biobased content requirements, notwithstanding the market share the product holds, the age of the product, or whether the market for the product is new or emerging.”;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (9) through (14) as paragraphs (10) through (15), respectively; and (3) by inserting after paragraph (8) the following:

“(9) FOREST PRODUCT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘forest product’ means a product made from materials derived from the practice of forestry or the management of growing timber.

“(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term ‘forest prod⁷

uct’ includes— “(i) pulp, paper, paperboard, pellets, and wood products; and “(ii) any recycled products derived from forest materials.’”.