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# H. R. 6879

To amend title 17, United States Code, to provide for the diagnosis, maintenance, and repair of certain digital electronic agricultural equipment.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2023

Mrs. SPARTZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Farm Freedom to Re-  
5 pair Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DIAGNOSIS, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF CER-**  
2 **TAIN DIGITAL ELECTRONIC AGRICULTURAL**  
3 **EQUIPMENT.**

4 Section 1201 of title 17, United States Code, is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
6 section:

7 “(1) DIAGNOSIS, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF  
8 DIGITAL ELECTRONIC AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT.—(1)  
9 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a)(1)(A), it  
10 is not a violation of that subsection for a person, for the  
11 purpose of the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of digital  
12 electronic agricultural equipment, to circumvent a techno-  
13 logical measure that effectively controls access to a work  
14 protected under this title.

15 “(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection  
16 (a)(2), it is not a violation of that subsection for a person,  
17 for the purpose of the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair  
18 of digital electronic agricultural equipment, to manufac-  
19 ture, import, offer to the public, provide, or otherwise traf-  
20 fic in any technology, product, service, device, component,  
21 or part thereof described in that subsection.

22 “(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection  
23 (b)(1), it is not a violation of that subsection for a person,  
24 for the purpose of the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair  
25 of digital electronic agricultural equipment, to manufac-  
26 ture, import, offer to the public, provide, or otherwise traf-

1 fic in any technology, product, service, device, component,  
2 or part thereof described in that subsection.

3 “(4) For the purposes of this subsection, the term  
4 ‘digital electronic agricultural equipment’ means any agri-  
5 cultural product dependent, in whole or in part, upon at-  
6 tached or embedded digital electronics to function.”.

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