

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1543

AN ACT

To amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to release and protect the release of tobacco production and marketing information.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. TOBACCO PRODUCTION AND MARKETING IN-**
2 **FORMATION.**

3 Part I of subtitle B of title III of the Agricultural
4 Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1311 et seq.) is amend-
5 ed by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 320D. TOBACCO PRODUCTION AND MARKETING IN-**
7 **FORMATION.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
9 vision of law, the Secretary may, subject to subsection (b),
10 release marketing information submitted by persons relat-
11 ing to the production and marketing of tobacco to State
12 trusts or similar organizations engaged in the distribution
13 of national trust funds to tobacco producers and other per-
14 sons with interests associated with the production of to-
15 bacco, as determined by the Secretary.

16 “(b) LIMITATIONS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Information may be re-
18 leased under subsection (a) only to the extent that—

19 “(A) the release is in the interest of to-
20 bacco producers, as determined by the Sec-
21 retary; and

22 “(B) the information is released to a State
23 trust or other organization that is created to, or
24 charged with, distributing funds to tobacco pro-
25 ducers or other parties with an interest in to-

1 tobacco production or tobacco farms under a na-
2 tional or State trust or settlement.

3 “(2) EXEMPTION FROM RELEASE.—The Sec-
4 retary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, in
5 advance of making a release of information under
6 subsection (a), allow, by announcement, a period of
7 at least 15 days for persons whose consent would
8 otherwise be required by law to effectuate the re-
9 lease, to elect to be exempt from the release.

10 “(c) ASSISTANCE.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In making a release under
12 subsection (a), the Secretary may provide such other
13 assistance with respect to information released under
14 subsection (a) as will facilitate the interest of pro-
15 ducers in receiving the funds that are the subject of
16 a trust described in subsection (a).

17 “(2) FUNDS.—The Secretary shall use amounts
18 made available for salaries and expenses of the De-
19 partment to carry out paragraph (1).

20 “(d) RECORDS.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A person that obtains in-
22 formation described in subsection (a) shall maintain
23 records that are consistent with the purposes of the
24 release and shall not use the records for any purpose
25 not authorized under this section.

1 “(2) PENALTY.—A person that knowingly vio-
2 lates this subsection shall be fined not more than
3 \$10,000, imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

4 “(e) APPLICATION.—This section shall not apply to—

5 “(1) records submitted by cigarette manufac-
6 turers with respect to the production of cigarettes;

7 “(2) records that were submitted as expected
8 purchase intentions in connection with the establish-
9 ment of national tobacco quotas; or

10 “(3) records that aggregate the purchases of
11 particular buyers.”.

Passed the Senate August 5, 1999.

Attest:

Secretary.

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