Public Law 99-269
99th Congress

An Act

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to increase the amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years 1985, 1986, and 1987 for commodity distribution, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Older Americans Act Amendments of 1986".

COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE PER MEAL

SEC. 2. Section 311(a)(4) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3030a(a)(4)) is amended—

(1) by striking out "15 cents" and all that follows through "30 cents per meal for", and inserting in lieu thereof "56.76 cents per meal during fiscal year 1986 and during", and

(2) by striking out "June 30, 1975" and inserting in lieu thereof "September 30, 1986".

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 3. (a) There is authorized to be appropriated $127,800,000 for fiscal year 1985, in order to provide reimbursement at the level of 56.76 cents per meal during fiscal year 1985, determined under section 311(a)(4) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3030a(a)(4)), for meals served under section 311 of such Act in such fiscal year. For purposes of subsections (a) and (b) of section 311 of such Act, the sum authorized to be appropriated by this subsection shall be deemed to have been authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1985 by section 311(c)(1) of such Act. For purposes of section 311(c)(1)(B) of such Act, the date of the enactment of this Act shall be deemed to be the last day of each quarter of fiscal year 1985 for which reimbursement is claimed.

(b) Subparagraph (A) of section 311(c)(1) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3030a(c)(1)(A)) is amended to read as follows:

"(A)(i) There are authorized to be appropriated $144,000,000 for fiscal year 1986 and $144,000,000 for fiscal year 1987 to carry out this section (other than subsection (a)(1)).

(ii) The provisions of the second and third sentences of subsection (a)(4) shall not apply for fiscal years 1986 and 1987.”.

INFORMATION REGARDING FEDERAL FOOD PROCESSING PROGRAMS

SEC. 4. Section 311 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3030a) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(d) In each fiscal year, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall jointly disseminate to State agencies, area agencies on aging, and providers of nutrition services assisted under this title, information concerning—
“(1) the existence of any Federal commodity processing program in which such State agencies, area agencies, and providers may be eligible to participate; and
“(2) the procedures to be followed to participate in the program.”.

EFFECTIVE DATE

SEC. 5. This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on October 1, 1985.

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