

Public Law 100-232  
100th Congress

An Act

Jan. 5, 1988  
[H.R. 3435]

To provide that certain charitable donations, and payments for blood contributed, shall be excluded from income for purposes of the Food Stamp Program.

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

Charitable  
Assistance and  
Food Bank Act  
of 1987.  
7 USC 2011 note.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Charitable Assistance and Food Bank Act of 1987".

SEC. 2. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.

(a) Section 5(d) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2014(d)) is amended—

(1) in clause (8) by inserting "cash donations based on need that are received from one or more private nonprofit charitable organizations, but not in excess of \$300 in the aggregate in a quarter," after "or credits,".

7 USC 2014 note.

(b)(1) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendment made by this section shall become effective upon the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) **APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT.**—The amendment made by this section shall not apply with respect to allotments issued under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to any household for any month beginning before the date of enactment of this Act.

7 USC 612c note.

SEC. 3. FOOD BANK DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

(a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall carry out no less than one demonstration project to provide and redistribute agricultural commodities and food products thereof as authorized under section 32 of the Act entitled "An Act to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act, and for other purposes", approved August 24, 1935, as amended (7 U.S.C. 612c), to needy individuals and families through community food banks. The Secretary may use a State agency or any other food distribution system for such provision or redistribution of section 32 agricultural commodities and food products through community food banks under a demonstration project.

Records.

(b) Each food bank participating in the demonstration projects under this section shall establish a recordkeeping system and internal procedures to monitor the use of agricultural commodities and food products provided under this section. The Secretary shall develop standards by which the feasibility and effectiveness of the project shall be measured, and shall conduct an ongoing review of the effectiveness of the projects.

(c) The Secretary shall determine the quantities, varieties, and types of agricultural commodities and food products to be made available under this section.

Effective date.

(d) This section shall be effective for the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on December 31, 1990.

(e) The Secretary shall submit annual progress reports to Congress beginning on July 1, 1988, and a final report on July 1, 1990, regarding each demonstration project carried out under this section. Such reports shall include analyses and evaluations of the provision and redistribution of agricultural commodities and food products under the demonstration projects. In addition, the Secretary shall include in the final report any recommendations regarding improvements in the provision and redistribution of agricultural commodities and food products to community food banks and the feasibility of expanding such method of provisions and redistribution of agricultural commodities and food products to other community food banks.

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