Public Law 96-31
96th Congress

An Act

To provide the Secretary of Agriculture with authority to reduce marketing penalties for peanuts.

July 7, 1979
[S. 984]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, effective for the 1978 through 1981 crops of peanuts, section 359 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1359), is amended by adding at the end thereof a new subsection (k) as follows:

Peanut marketing penalties, reduction.
7 USC 1359 note.

"(k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the amount of any penalty assessed under this section may be reduced, in accordance with regulations issued by the Secretary, if the Secretary determines that the marketing subject to the penalty was done unintentionally or unknowingly and that a reduction in the amount of the penalty would not impair the effective operation of the price support program for peanuts.".

Approved July 7, 1979.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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June 25, H.R. 3575 considered and passed House; passage vacated and S. 984 passed in lieu.

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