

107TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2676

To ensure that minority farmers are adequately compensated for years of discrimination in the operation of programs of the Department of Agriculture.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To ensure that minority farmers are adequately compensated for years of discrimination in the operation of programs of the Department of Agriculture.

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 “Black Farmer Equal  
5       Remedy Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7       The purpose of this Act is to require the Secretary  
8       of Agriculture to provide immediate relief to all black

1 farmers who submitted petitions for redress under Pigford  
2 vs. Glickman and Brewington vs. Glickman, including  
3 those farmers who filed petitions and qualified for class  
4 membership, but were denied adjudication.

5 **SEC. 3. NO FAULT AWARDS.**

6 In the case of a person who qualified as a member  
7 of the plaintiff class in the settlement of the consolidated  
8 actions entitled Pigford vs. Glickman, but were denied cer-  
9 tification, the Secretary of Agriculture shall provide a rem-  
10 edy in the form of a direct payment of \$50,000 as imme-  
11 diate relief.

12 **SEC. 4. COMPENSATORY RELIEF.**

13 (a) **TAX RELIEF.**—Relief shall be provided to all class  
14 members under Pigford vs. Glickman in the form of 100  
15 percent tax relief from Federal taxes directly related to  
16 the \$50,000 settlement payments awarded to claimants  
17 under the consent decree.

18 (b) **OTHER RELIEF.**—Additional relief will be pro-  
19 vided to farmers in both track A and B who qualified for  
20 the class as stipulated under the decree, including relief  
21 to class members whose claims were dismissed. This relief  
22 may include the following:

23 (1) Unlimited technical assistance provided by  
24 all Department of Agriculture agencies without  
25 interruption.

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