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2D SESSION

S. 3632

To amend the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 to provide for the increased purchase of Kosher and Halal food and to modify the labeling of the commodities list under the emergency food assistance program to enable Kosher and Halal food bank operators to identify which commodities to obtain from local food banks.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Mrs. GILLIBRAND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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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 “Kosher and Halal Food
5 Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF KOSHER AND**
2 **HALAL FOOD FOR EMERGENCY FOOD ASSIST-**
3 **ANCE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 202 of the Emergency Food Assistance Act
5 of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7502) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

7 “(h) KOSHER AND HALAL FOOD.—As soon as prac-
8 ticable after the date of enactment of this subsection, the
9 Secretary shall finalize and implement a plan—

10 “(1) to increase the purchase of Kosher and
11 Halal food from food manufacturers with a Kosher
12 or Halal certification to carry out the program es-
13 tablished under this Act if the Kosher and Halal
14 food purchased is comparable in price to food that
15 is not from food manufacturers with a Kosher or
16 Halal certification; and

17 “(2) to modify the labeling of the commodities
18 list used to carry out the program in a manner that
19 enables Kosher and Halal food bank operators to
20 identify which commodities to obtain from local food
21 banks.”.

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