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H. R. 2147

To provide grants to enhance the most effective freezing methods to improve access to affordable and locally produced specialty crops.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2013

Mr. CARSON of Indiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Preserving Healthy
5 Food for the Hungry Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. QUICK FREEZE AND FLASH FREEZE LOCAL**
7 **PRODUCE GRANTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 231 of the Agricultural
9 Risk Protection Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 1632a) is amend-
10 ed—

1 (1) in subsection (b)(7)(B), by inserting “and
2 subsection (f)” after “subsection”;

3 (2) in subsection (e)(2), by inserting “, except
4 pursuant to subsection (f)” before the period; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(f) QUICK FREEZE AND FLASH FREEZE LOCAL
7 PRODUCE GRANTS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability
9 of appropriations to carry out this section, the Sec-
10 retary shall make grants to institutions eligible to
11 receive funds under the Act of July 2, 1862 (12
12 Stat. 503–505, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 301–305, 307
13 and 308), or the Act of August 30, 1890 (26 Stat.
14 417–419, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 321–326 and 328)
15 that applies therefor, to assist persons in preserving
16 the quality and shelf-life of fruit and vegetable crops
17 produced by the persons on qualified land, through
18 the use of mobile and fixed flash freezing and quick
19 freezing units and other units utilizing freezing
20 methods which produce the same result, in accord-
21 ance with any applicable Federal, State, or local
22 food safety law, regulation, or ordinance.

23 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

24 “(A) QUALIFIED LAND.—The term ‘quali-
25 fied land’ means, with respect to a person, any

1 plot of land owned or operated by the person,
2 the annual gross sales from the specialty crops
3 produced on which are not more than
4 \$249,000.

5 “(B) SPECIALTY CROP.—The term ‘spe-
6 cialty crop’ has the meaning provided in section
7 3(1) of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act
8 of 2004.’”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 1 year
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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