

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 811

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 25, 2013

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

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## 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 “Halal and Kosher Food  
5       Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURCHASE OF HALAL AND KOSHER FOOD FOR**  
2 **EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

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

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

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

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

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