

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1794

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2013

Mr. CROWLEY 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 “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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