

104TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3312

To expand the authority of the Department of Defense to donate unusable food.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 24, 1996

Ms. HARMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on National Security

A BILL

To expand the authority of the Department of Defense to donate unusable food.

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. EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY TO DONATE UNUS-**
4 **ABLE FOOD.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY FOR DONATIONS FROM DEFENSE**
6 **AGENCIES.**—Section 2485 of title 10, United States Code,
7 is amended by striking out “Secretary of a military de-
8 partment” in subsections (a) and (b) and inserting in lieu
9 thereof “Secretary of Defense”.

1 (b) EXPANSION OF ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—Such
2 section is further amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a), by striking out “author-
4 ized charitable nonprofit food banks” and inserting
5 in lieu thereof “food banks, State and local agencies,
6 and veterans organizations specified under sub-
7 section (d)”;

8 (2) in subsection (d), by striking out “may only
9 be made” and all that follows and inserting in lieu
10 thereof the following: “may only be made to the fol-
11 lowing entities:

12 “(1) A charitable nonprofit food bank that is
13 designated by the Secretary of Defense or the Sec-
14 retary of Health and Human Services as authorized
15 to receive such donations.

16 “(2) A State or local agency that is designated
17 by the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of
18 Health and Human Services as authorized to receive
19 such donations.

20 “(3) A chapter or other local unit of a recog-
21 nized national veterans organization that provides
22 services to persons without adequate shelter and is
23 designated by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs as
24 authorized to receive such donations.”.

1 (c) CLARIFICATION OF FOOD THAT MAY BE DO-
2 NATED.—Subsection (b) of such section is further amend-
3 ed by inserting “rations known as humanitarian daily ra-
4 tions (HDRs),” after “(MREs),”.

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