

HR 5620

Fresh Produce Safety Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 25, 2008
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2077	Identical bill	Sep 20, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Fresh Produce Safety Act - Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to establish standards for good manufacturing practices for the minimal processing of produce, including standards related to sanitation and water.

Requires the Secretary to provide for unannounced inspections of processing facilities to determine if produce processed in the facilities is in compliance with the requirements of this Act.

Directs the Secretary to establish general standards for good agricultural practices for the production of raw agricultural commodities, including requirements related to manure, animals, water, and environmental conditions.

Gives officers and employees duly designated by the Secretary the authority to inspect appropriate facilities to determine compliance with the standards for good agricultural practices.

Directs the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to establish and maintain an active surveillance system to assess the frequency and sources of human illness in the United States associated with the consumption of fresh produce.

Directs the Commissioner and the Secretary of Agriculture to design and implement a national public education program on food safety relating to produce.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct research to assist in the implementation of this Act and the requirements of the FFDCA that relate to produce.

Requires the Secretary to establish procedures for equivalency with foreign countries that intend to export raw agricultural commodities and minimally processed produce to the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 25, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture.
- **Mar 14, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 13, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 13, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.