

HR 1609

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to require the Administrator of the Internal Revenue Service to verify income for purposes of determining the eligibility of persons for certain Department of Agriculture payments and benefits, and for other purposes.

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Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 23, 2009
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to deny certain agricultural commodity payments for not less than five years, or permanently, to a person or legal entity that has knowingly engaged in, or aided in the creation of a fraudulent document, or failed to disclose material information relevant to the administration of such benefits. (Current law authorizes payment denial for up to five crop years.)

Requires that a person or legal entity that received benefits while ineligible due to excess income repay such amounts fully.

Directs the Secretary to request the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to verify the income-related eligibility of a benefit applicant, and deny benefits to a person or entity determined to be ineligible. Authorizes Farm Service Agency reconsideration of a denial.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 23, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management.
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Referred to House Agriculture
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means