

S 3281

Food Donation Improvement Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Nov 30, 2021
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Feb 8, 2022
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 16, 2022
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jul 19, 2022
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 27, 2022
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Nov 14, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 30, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 5329	Related bill	Jan 5, 2023: Became Public Law No: 117-362.
117 HR 6251	Identical bill	Dec 13, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

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This bill expands liability protections for the donation of food and grocery products.

Specifically, the bill expands the liability protections to include donations of an apparently fit grocery product or apparently wholesome food

- for which the recipient is charged a good Samaritan reduced price that is no greater than the cost of handling, administering, and distributing the food or product; or
- that is donated directly to a needy individual by a retail grocer, wholesaler, agricultural producer, restaurant, caterer, school food authority, or institution of higher education.

The Department of Agriculture must issue regulations that clarify the quality and labeling standards that food products donated under the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act must meet to be eligible for liability protection.

Actions Timeline

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