

S 5329

A bill to amend the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act to improve the program, and for other purposes.

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

Introduced: Dec 20, 2022

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 117-362.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 117-362. (Jan 5, 2023)

Law: 117-362 (Enacted Jan 5, 2023)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/5329>

Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 6521	Related bill	Jan 28, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.
117 S 3281	Related bill	Nov 30, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

Specifically, the act 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, harvesting, processing, packaging, transporting, and distributing the food or product; or
- that is donated directly to a needy individual at zero cost by a retail grocer, wholesaler, agricultural producer, agricultural processor, agricultural distributor, restaurant, caterer, school food authority, or institution of higher education.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 5, 2023:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 5, 2023:** Became Public Law No: 117-362.
- **Dec 28, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Mrs. Peltola moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9958-9959)
- **Dec 21, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 5329.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H9958)
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 20, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 20, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 20, 2022:** Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S9613; text: CR S9613)