

## HR 6251

Food Donation Improvement Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. (Dec 13, 2021)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** House

**Cosponsors** (50 total)

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Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jul 19, 2022

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Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Jul 26, 2022
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 13, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3281	Identical bill	Nov 30, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

## Summary (as of Dec 13, 2021)

### Food Donation Improvement Act of 2021

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

- **Dec 13, 2021:** Introduced in House
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