

Public Law 100-414  
100th Congress

An Act

Aug. 22, 1988  
[H.R. 4694]

To amend the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act to increase the statutory ceilings on license fees.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. LICENSE FEES.

Section 3(b) of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930 (7 U.S.C. 499c(b)), is amended by—

- (1) in the third sentence, striking out “\$300, plus \$150” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$400, plus \$200”; and
- (2) in the fourth sentence, striking out “\$3,000” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$4,000”.

SEC. 2. ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930 (7 U.S.C. 499 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

“ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Establishment.  
7 USC 499t.

“SEC. 20. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall establish the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act Industry Advisory Committee to—

“(1) review the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act program to ensure increased program efficiency and equitable treatment among the various segments of the fruit and vegetable industry;

“(2) enhance the mutual understanding and cooperation among all segments of the fruit and vegetable industry;

“(3) advise the Secretary on the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act program; and

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“(4) submit a report to the House Committee on Agriculture, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, and the Secretary, as provided in subsection (f).

“(b) The committee shall be comprised of not more than twenty members, and ten alternates, appointed by the Secretary, representing the balanced interests of the fruit and vegetable industry, including but not limited to growers, shippers, brokers, receivers, wholesalers, retailers, and processors. The Secretary shall appoint the members of the advisory committee not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this section.

“(c) The advisory committee shall be governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

“(d) The Secretary shall provide the advisory committee with necessary clerical assistance and personnel.

“(e) Members of the advisory committee shall serve without compensation, if not otherwise officers or employees of the United States. Members of the advisory committee shall, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of

services under this Act, be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized under section 5703 of title 5 of the United States Code.

“(f)(1) The advisory committee shall review the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act program, including but not limited to the administration, operations, and funding of such program.

“(2) On the basis of its review, the advisory committee shall make findings and develop recommendations for consideration by Congress and the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to the future operation of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act program.

“(3) The advisory committee shall submit, to the House Committee on Agriculture, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, and the Secretary of Agriculture, an interim report no later than September 30, 1989, and a final report no later than May 1, 1990, containing the results of its review and recommendations based on such results.

“(g) The advisory committee shall cease to exist on the date of its report to the House Committee on Agriculture, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, and the Secretary of Agriculture.”.

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Termination date.

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