

Pension Protection Act of 2006

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-1202) signed by President Bush in August 2006 included a landmark food donation provision (Section 1202).

Food Donation Provision (Section 1202)

- Allows all businesses, both small and large, a real incentive to donate rather than dump excess food;
- Allows all business taxpayers (including farmers, ranchers and restaurants) to take a charitable tax deduction for donations of fit and wholesome food to non-profit charitable organizations that serve the needy;
- Protects against abuse of the deduction by limiting the amount that a taxpayer can take to twice the product's original cost for the food for most taxpayers, and 10% of yearly aggregate net income for farmers and other "cash method" accounting taxpayers;
- Is supported by numerous national food, charitable, farm and small business organizations, including:
 - America's Second Harvest
 - American Farm Bureau Federation
 - Council of Chain Restaurants
 - Food Marketing Institute
 - Grocery Manufacturers of America
 - National Cattlemen's Beef Association
 - National Fisheries Association
 - National Milk Producers Federation
 - National Restaurant Association
 - Salvation Army
- **Will generate an estimated \$250 million resulting in an additional 130 million new meals over two years!**

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