

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6581

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 2008

Mr. MAHONEY of Florida (for himself, Mr. BOYD of Florida, Mr. PUTNAM, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR GROWERS AND**
2 **FIRST HANDLERS OF TOMATOES.**

3 (a) EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.—There is hereby ap-
4 propriated to the Secretary of Agriculture \$100,000,000,
5 to be available until expended, to make payments to grow-
6 ers and first handlers, as defined by the Secretary, of fresh
7 tomatoes that experienced crop or market losses, or both,
8 as a result of the Food and Drug Administration Public
9 Health Advisory issued on June 7, 2008.

10 (b) PAYMENT AMOUNT.—The amount of the pay-
11 ment made to a grower or first handler under this section
12 shall not exceed 75 percent of the greater of—

- 13 (1) the value of the unmarketed tomatoes; and
14 (2) the actual loss incurred by the grower or
15 handler.

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