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# H. R. 4581

To provide for the imposition of temporary fees in connection with the handling of complaints of violations of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DE LA GARZA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR COMPLAINTS**  
4 **OF VIOLATIONS OF PERISHABLE AGRICUL-**  
5 **TURAL COMMODITIES ACT, 1930.**

6 (a) TEMPORARY FILING FEE REQUIRED.—During  
7 fiscal years 1995 and 1996, the Secretary of Agriculture  
8 shall require persons who submit petitions to the Secretary  
9 under section 6(a) of the Perishable Agricultural Com-

1 modities Act, 1930 (7 U.S.C. 499f(a)), alleging a violation  
2 of section 2 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 499b), to include a  
3 filing fee of \$60 per petition.

4 (b) TEMPORARY HANDLING FEE REQUIRED.—Dur-  
5 ing fiscal years 1995 and 1996, if the Secretary deter-  
6 mines under section 6(a) of the Perishable Agricultural  
7 Commodities Act, 1930 (7 U.S.C. 499f(a)), that the facts  
8 contained in a petition described in such section warrant  
9 further action, the person or persons submitting the peti-  
10 tion shall submit to the Secretary a handling fee of \$300.  
11 The Secretary may not forward a copy of the complaint  
12 to the commission merchant, dealer, or broker involved  
13 until after the Secretary receives the required handling  
14 fee. In determining the amount of damages incurred by  
15 an injured person or persons preparatory to issuing a rep-  
16 aration order under section 7 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 499g),  
17 the Secretary shall include the amount of any handling  
18 fee paid by the injured person or persons under this sub-  
19 section.

20 (c) DEPOSIT OF FEES.—The Secretary shall deposit  
21 fees submitted under this section into the Perishable Agri-  
22 cultural Commodities Act Fund.

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