

Public Law 97-312  
97th Congress

An Act

To authorize certain employees of the United States Department of Agriculture charged with the enforcement of animal quarantine laws to carry firearms for self-protection and to improve the quality of table grapes for marketing in the United States.

Oct. 14, 1982  
[H.R. 2035]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any employee of the United States Department of Agriculture designated by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Attorney General of the United States may carry a firearm and use a firearm when necessary for self-protection, in accordance with rules and regulations issued by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Attorney General of the United States, while such employee is engaged in the performance of the employee's official duties to (1) carry out any law or regulation related to the control, eradication, or prevention of the introduction or dissemination of communicable disease of livestock or poultry into the United States or (2) perform any duty related to such disease control, eradication, or prevention, subject to the direction of the Secretary.

Certain  
Agriculture  
Department  
employees,  
firearm  
authorization.  
7 USC 2274.

SEC. 2. The first sentence of section 8e of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as reenacted and amended by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 608e-1), is amended by inserting "table grapes," after "filberts,".

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 2035:

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Sept. 29, considered and passed Senate, amended.  
Sept. 30, House concurred in Senate amendments.