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To: Subst. House Bill No. **5146**

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"AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD DONATION."

1 Strike section 2 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022*) (a) For the purposes of this
4 section, "food relief organization" and "supermarket" have the same
5 meanings as provided in section 1 of this act.

6 (b) Not later than January 1, 2023, each supermarket doing business
7 in this state shall adopt a written policy describing a food donation
8 program that:

9 (1) Is designed to reduce such supermarket's food waste, support the
10 operations of food relief organizations and ensure that all food donated
11 by such supermarket under such policy is safe and fit for human
12 consumption;

13 (2) Provides for the education of such supermarket's management

14 and employees regarding the food distribution process and the
15 relationship between such process and food insecurity and food waste;

16 (3) Calls for such supermarket to make reasonable efforts to identify,
17 and partner with, at least one food relief organization for the purpose of
18 donating excess edible food to such food relief organization or food
19 relief organizations;

20 (4) Includes a framework to formalize and streamline such
21 supermarket's store-level protocols concerning food donated by such
22 supermarket; and

23 (5) Includes a process to ensure that the food donated as part of such
24 program is of a high nutritional value.

25 (c) If multiple supermarkets subject to the provisions of subsection
26 (b) of this section are under common ownership, such supermarkets
27 may adopt a common written policy under this section."

28 Strike section 4 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
29 thereof:

30 "Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
31 study implementation of a supermarket food donation program in this
32 state. The task force shall examine, and make recommendations
33 concerning, establishing a supermarket food donation program in this
34 state that (1) alleviates hunger, reduces food waste and supports the
35 operations of food relief organizations providing nutritional assistance
36 in this state, and (2) ensures that all food donated as part of such
37 program is safe and fit for human consumption.

38 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

39 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
40 who shall be a member of the General Assembly;

41 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
42 shall be a member of the General Assembly;

43 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
44 Representatives, who shall be a representative of food establishments
45 doing business in this state that are classified as class 3 or class 4 food
46 establishments under regulations adopted by the Commissioner of
47 Public Health pursuant to section 19a-36h of the general statutes;

48 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
49 a representative of supermarkets doing business in this state;

50 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
51 Representatives, who shall be a representative of food relief
52 organizations providing nutritional assistance in this state;

53 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
54 a representative of food relief organizations providing nutritional
55 assistance in this state;

56 (7) The Commissioner of Agriculture, or the commissioner's
57 designee;

58 (8) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's
59 designee; and

60 (9) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
61 designee.

62 (c) Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

63 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
64 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
65 from among the members of the task force.

66 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
67 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to general law
68 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

69 (f) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report
70 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of

71 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to general
72 law, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
73 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such
74 report or January 1, 2023, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section