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SYNOPSIS

Requires retail food establishments to donate surplus unused baked goods and surplus canned and packaged goods close to retail sale date to local nonprofits and charities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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Some retail food establishments in the State currently donate their surplus food, but many do not do so, despite the availability of coordination assistance from food recovery organizations, and in many cases, the availability of tax benefits. According to the Hunger Prevention Advisory Committee established in 2001 pursuant to State law, many emergency food providers in the State have shut their doors because their shelves were bare and others have had to limit the food they distribute in order to stretch their resources. The committee recommended in its 2009 report to the Legislature that the State's existing food donation laws be evaluated in order to maximize food resources and ensure that good food is not being wasted while people go hungry. This bill is intended to

- 1 reduce the amount of wasted food and increase the amount of food
- 2 that can be distributed to those in need.