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SENATE BILL 20-090

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING DONATIONS OF FOOD TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**
102 **FOR DISTRIBUTION TO NEEDY INDIVIDUALS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Current law provides limited immunity from civil and criminal liability to retail food establishments, nonprofit organizations, and other entities that donate items of food to nonprofit organizations for use or distribution in providing assistance to needy or poor persons. The bill extends the same immunity to correctional facilities.

The bill encourages retail food establishments and correctional

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Amended 2nd Reading
February 3, 2020

facilities to donate apparently wholesome food to local nonprofit organizations for distribution to needy or poor individuals.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-4-1615 as
3 follows:

4 **25-4-1615. Food donations to nonprofit organizations**
5 **encouraged.** EACH RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT IS ENCOURAGED TO
6 DONATE APPARENTLY WHOLESOME FOOD TO ONE OR MORE LOCAL
7 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO NEEDY OR POOR
8 INDIVIDUALS.

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 17-20-129 as
10 follows:

11 **17-20-129. Food donations to nonprofit organizations**
12 **encouraged.** EACH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IS ENCOURAGED TO DONATE
13 APPARENTLY WHOLESOME FOOD TO ONE OR MORE LOCAL NONPROFIT
14 ORGANIZATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO NEEDY OR POOR INDIVIDUALS.

15 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-21-113, **amend**
16 **(1); and add (3.5)** as follows:

17 **13-21-113. Donation of items of food - exemption from civil**
18 **and criminal liability - definitions.** (1) (a) No farmer, retail food
19 establishment, CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, SCHOOL DISTRICT, or processor,
20 distributor, wholesaler, or retailer of food ~~who~~ THAT donates items of
21 food to a nonprofit organization for use or distribution in providing
22 assistance to needy or poor persons nor any nonprofit organization in
23 receipt of such gleaned or donated food who transfers ~~said~~ THE food to
24 another nonprofit organization for use or distribution in providing
25 assistance to needy or poor persons ~~shall be~~ IS liable for damages in any

1 civil action or subject to prosecution in any criminal proceeding resulting
2 from the nature, age, condition, or packaging of ~~such~~ THE donated foods;
3 except that this exemption ~~shall~~ DOES not apply to ~~the~~ willful, wanton, or
4 reckless acts of donors ~~which~~ THAT result in injury to recipients of ~~such~~
5 donated foods.

6 (b) ~~For the purposes of AS USED IN this section, "retail food~~
7 ~~establishment" shall have the same meaning as set forth in section~~
8 ~~25-4-1602 (14), C.R.S., and~~ UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

9 (I) "CORRECTIONAL FACILITY" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN
10 SECTION 17-1-102 (1.7).

11 (II) "Nonprofit organization" means any organization ~~which~~ THAT
12 is exempt from the income tax imposed under article 22 of title 39;
13 ~~C.R.S.~~; except that ~~the term~~ "nonprofit organization" does not include
14 organizations ~~which~~ THAT sell or offer to sell ~~such~~ donated items of food.

15 (III) "RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT" HAS THE MEANING SET
16 FORTH IN SECTION 25-4-1602 (14).

17 (IV) "SCHOOL DISTRICT" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION
18 22-30-103 (13).

19 (3.5) A FARMER WHO ALLOWS ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS TO
20 MAKE ENTRY ON THE FARMER'S PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GLEANING
21 PRODUCE FOR DONATION TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR USE OR
22 DISTRIBUTION IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY OR POOR PERSONS, AS
23 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION, IS NOT LIABLE FOR
24 DAMAGES IN ANY CIVIL ACTION OR SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION IN ANY
25 CRIMINAL PROCEEDING RESULTING FROM AN INJURY TO ANY SUCH
26 INDIVIDUALS UNLESS THE INJURY RESULTS FROM A WILLFUL OR WANTON
27 ACT OR OMISSION OF THE FARMER.

1 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-32-148** as
2 **follows:**

3 **22-32-148. Food donations to nonprofit organizations**
4 **encouraged.** EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ENCOURAGED TO DONATE
5 APPARENTLY WHOLESOME FOOD TO ONE OR MORE LOCAL NONPROFIT
6 ORGANIZATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO NEEDY OR POOR INDIVIDUALS.

7 **SECTION 5.** **Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
8 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
9 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
10 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a
11 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
12 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
13 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
14 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
15 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
16 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.