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AN ACT

To repeal section 192.081, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to donation of food.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 192.081, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 192.081, to read as follows:

192.081. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

- (1) "Canned food", food that is commercially processed in hermetically sealed containers;
- (2) "Donor", any restaurant, cafeteria, fast food restaurant, delicatessen, or other facility principally engaged in selling food for consumption on the premises, **or any grocery store or convenience store**;
- (3) "Food", any raw, cooked, canned, perishable, or prepared edible substance, ice, beverage, or ingredient used or intended for use in whole or in part for human consumption;
- (4) "Hermetically sealed container", a container that is designed and intended to be secure against the entry of microorganisms and thereby to maintain the commercial sterility of its content after processing;
- (5) "Perishable food", any food having a significant risk of spoilage, loss of value, or loss of palatability within ninety days of the date of packaging;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

14 (6) "Prepared food", any food prepared, designed, or intended for human consumption
15 including, without limitation, those foods prepared principally from agricultural, dairy, or
16 horticultural produce or with meat, fish, or poultry.

17 2. Each potential donor, to the greatest extent possible and practicable, may make
18 available to any bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization, to any representative or volunteer
19 acting on behalf of such organization, to an uncompensated person acting in a philanthropic
20 manner providing services similar to those of such an organization, or to a transporter of any
21 surplus or excess canned or perishable food for use by such organization or person to feed
22 homeless persons or other persons who are in need of food and are otherwise unable to provide
23 food for themselves. In achieving this intent, the following provisions shall apply:

24 (1) Each donor may contact charitable or nonprofit organizations in the community in
25 which the donor operates in order to provide for the collection by such organizations of any
26 surplus or excess canned food or perishable food from the donor;

27 (2) Each charitable or nonprofit organization in this state which provides to the
28 community in which it operates food for persons who are in need of food or are otherwise unable
29 to provide food for themselves, or which collects and transports such food to such organizations,
30 shall make every reasonable effort to contact any donors within the organization's area of
31 operations for purposes of collecting any surplus or excess canned food or perishable food for
32 use in providing such services.

33 3. A good faith donor of any canned or perishable food, apparently fit for human
34 consumption, to a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization for free distribution shall not
35 be subject to criminal penalty or civil damages arising from the condition of the food, unless an
36 injury is caused by the gross negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct of the donor.

37 4. A bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization, or any representative or volunteer
38 acting on behalf of such organization or an uncompensated person acting in a philanthropic
39 manner providing services similar to those of such an organization or transporter of any surplus
40 or excess canned or perishable food for use by such organization which in good faith accepts,
41 collects, transports, or distributes any canned or perishable food for free distribution and which
42 reasonably inspects the food at the time of the donation and finds the food apparently fit for
43 human consumption shall not be subject to criminal penalty or civil damages arising from the
44 condition of the food, unless an injury is caused by the gross negligence, recklessness, or
45 intentional misconduct of an agent of the charitable or nonprofit organization.

46 5. The department of health and senior services shall make available information
47 detailing the need of food-recovery programs, the benefit of food-recovery programs, the manner
48 in which such organizations may become involved in food-recovery programs and the

49 food-recovery entities or food banks that exist in the state. This information must be updated
50 annually.

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