

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1969**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul McMurtry***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to food donations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1969) of Paul McMurtry and Louis L. Kafka for legislation to allow restaurants to donate edible leftover cooked food and nonperishable food to local food pantries and assistance shelters. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1199 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act relative to food donations.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, food service  
2 establishments, including restaurants and cafeterias may donate their edible leftover cooked food  
3 and nonperishable food to local food pantries and assistance shelters and shall be allowed to take  
4 a tax credit or deduction for same. The food service establishment shall not be held liable in the  
5 event of any harm resulting to a person from the ingestion of any item of donated food described  
6 in this section.