

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ryan C. Fattman

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 direct food donations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Ryan C. Fattman

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Hampden

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 963 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to direct 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 328 of chapter 94 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following:-

3 No food service entity or retail store who donates food, including open-dated food whose
4 date has passed, directly to an individual without charge or at a charge sufficient only to cover
5 the cost of handling such food, shall be liable for civil damages for any injury arising out of the
6 condition of such food; provided, however, that at the time of donation such food is not
7 misbranded and is not adulterated and has not been manufactured, process, prepared, handled or
8 stored in violation of applicable regulations of the department of public health; and provided,
9 further, that such injury is not the result of negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct of
10 the donor or any person employed by or under the control of the donor.