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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for charitable food donations to food banks
2 and similar organizations, including by providing for
3 appropriations and a tax credit, and including applicability
4 provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SUBCHAPTER I

GENERAL

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 190B.101 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to effectively and efficiently utilize Iowa's abundant supplies of nutritional food to relieve situations of emergency or distress experienced by individuals or families in need who reside in this state, including low-income individuals or families and unemployed individuals or families.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 190B.102 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Federal emergency food assistance program" means the federal emergency food assistance program, as provided in 7 C.F.R. pts. 250 and 251.

2. "Food" means a substance which is used in whole or in part for human consumption in compliance with federal and state standards or requirements including a donated food that meets the requirements of the federal emergency food assistance program.

3. "Iowa emergency feeding organization" means a public or private nonprofit organization whose mission is compatible with the purpose of this chapter as provided in section 190B.101 and which includes an Iowa food bank or other organization that operates at a congregate nutritional site or that provides home-delivered meals in this state. An Iowa emergency feeding organization includes but is not limited to a food pantry, hunger relief center, or soup kitchen.

4. "Iowa food bank" means a private nonprofit organization which meets all of the following requirements:

a. It receives, holds, and directly or indirectly distributes food principally to Iowa emergency feeding organizations in a manner compatible with the purpose of this chapter as provided in section 190B.101.

b. It is an organization described in section 501(c)(3)

1 of the Internal Revenue Code and exempt from taxation under
2 section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

3 c. It receives contributions that are deductible under
4 section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

5 5. "Iowa food bank association" or "association" means an
6 organization that meets all of the following requirements:

7 a. It is organized as a nonprofit corporation under chapter
8 504.

9 b. Its principal office is or has been located in this
10 state.

11 c. It is an organization described in section 501(c)(3)
12 of the Internal Revenue Code and exempt from taxation under
13 section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

14 d. It receives contributions that are deductible under
15 section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

16 e. Its members include Iowa food banks, or affiliations
17 of Iowa food banks, that together serve all counties in this
18 state.

19 SUBCHAPTER II

20 IOWA FOOD-LINK TO FOOD-BANK INITIATIVE

21 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 190B.201 Definition.

22 As used in this subchapter, "department" means the department
23 of human services.

24 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 190B.202 Department of human services
25 — cooperation with other agencies.

26 1. This subchapter shall be administered by the department
27 of human services.

28 2. The department shall adopt all rules necessary to
29 administer this subchapter.

30 3. Each fiscal year, the department shall award the
31 amount appropriated in section 190B.203, to an Iowa food bank
32 association selected by the department to manage programs
33 associated with an Iowa food-link to food-bank initiative.
34 The department shall execute a contract with the association
35 to provide for the terms and conditions of the program's

1 management. A contract shall not obligate the state to pay
2 moneys for multiple fiscal years.

3 4. The department of agriculture and land stewardship,
4 the department of public health, and the department of
5 inspections and appeals shall cooperate with the department of
6 human services to administer the Iowa food-link to food-bank
7 initiative.

8 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 190B.203 Iowa food-link to food-bank
9 initiative — appropriation.

10 1. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending
11 June 30, 2014, and for each subsequent fiscal year, there
12 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
13 department of human services the amount of two million dollars
14 to support an Iowa food-link to food-bank initiative to further
15 the purpose provided in section 190B.101.

16 2. The department of human services shall allocate
17 one million eight hundred thousand dollars of the amount
18 appropriated in subsection 1 to an Iowa food bank association
19 selected by the department as provided in section 190B.201 for
20 purposes of supporting the following programs:

21 a. An Iowa emergency food purchase program. The department
22 shall allocate one million seven hundred thousand dollars to
23 the association for the purchase of food on behalf of an Iowa
24 emergency feeding organization or for the distribution of
25 moneys to Iowa emergency feeding organizations for the purchase
26 of food.

27 (1) A preference shall be provided to the purchase of food
28 produced, processed, or packaged within this state whenever
29 reasonably practicable.

30 (2) The food shall be purchased in a manner that best
31 furthers a significant economic benefit to communities of this
32 state.

33 b. An Iowa emergency food nutritional education program.
34 The department shall allocate one hundred thousand dollars to
35 the association to distribute the moneys to one or more Iowa

1 emergency feeding organizations in order to provide instruction
2 regarding nutrition and promote a lifelong healthy diet.

3 3. The department of human services shall allocate two
4 hundred thousand dollars of the amount appropriated in
5 subsection 1 to an Iowa food bank association selected by the
6 department as provided in section 190B.202 for purposes of
7 administering the programs provided in that section.

8 SUBCHAPTER III

9 FROM FARM TO FOOD DONATION TAX CREDIT

10 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 190B.301 **Definitions.**

11 As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise
12 requires:

13 1. "*Agricultural land*" means the same as defined in section
14 425A.2.

15 2. "*Department*" means the department of revenue.

16 3. "*Food commodity*" means any commodity that is derived
17 from an agricultural animal or crop, both as defined in section
18 717A.1, which was produced on agricultural land and which is
19 intended to be used as food.

20 4. "*Tax credit*" means the from farm to food donation tax
21 credit as established in this subchapter.

22 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 190B.302 **Department of revenue —**
23 **cooperation with other departments.**

24 1. This subchapter shall be administered by the department
25 of revenue.

26 2. The department shall adopt all rules necessary to
27 administer this subchapter.

28 3. The department of agriculture and land stewardship, the
29 department of public health, the department of human services,
30 and the department of inspections and appeals shall cooperate
31 with the department of revenue to administer this subchapter.

32 Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. 190B.303 **From farm to food donation**
33 **tax credit.**

34 A from farm to food donation tax credit is allowed against
35 the taxes imposed in chapter 422, divisions II and III, as

1 provided in this subchapter.

2 Sec. 9. NEW SECTION. 190B.304 From farm to food donation
3 tax credit — eligibility.

4 In order to qualify for a from farm to food donation tax
5 credit, all of the following must apply:

6 1. The taxpayer must produce the donated food commodity.

7 2. The taxpayer must transfer title to a food commodity to
8 an Iowa food bank, or an Iowa emergency feeding organization,
9 recognized by the department. The taxpayer shall not receive
10 remuneration for the transfer.

11 3. *a.* The food commodity must be intended for human
12 consumption in its raw or processed state.

13 (1) A food commodity in its raw state for processing
14 includes but is not limited to milk, eggs, vegetables, fruits,
15 nuts, syrup, and honey.

16 (2) A food commodity in its processed state includes but is
17 not limited to dairy products, meat, or poultry products.

18 *b.* A food commodity cannot be damaged or out-of-condition
19 and declared to be unfit for human consumption by a federal,
20 state, or local health official. A food commodity that meets
21 the requirements for donated foods pursuant to the federal
22 emergency food assistance program satisfies this requirement.

23 4. A taxpayer claiming the tax credit shall provide
24 documentation supporting the tax credit claim in a form and
25 manner prescribed by the department by rule.

26 Sec. 10. NEW SECTION. 190B.305 From farm to food donation
27 tax credit — claims filed by individuals who belong to business
28 entities.

29 An individual may claim a from farm to food donation
30 tax credit of a partnership, limited liability company,
31 S corporation, estate, or trust electing to have income
32 taxed directly to the individual. The amount claimed by the
33 individual shall be based upon the pro rata share of the
34 individual's earnings from the partnership, limited liability
35 company, S corporation, estate, or trust.

1 individuals or families in need who reside in this state.

2 IOWA FOOD-LINK TO FOOD-BANK INITIATIVE. The bill creates
3 an Iowa food-link to food-bank initiative administered by the
4 department of human services. Each fiscal year, moneys from
5 the general fund are appropriated to the department in order to
6 support several programs managed by an association representing
7 Iowa food banks. The programs include the purchase of
8 food, the improvement of food storage and distribution
9 infrastructure, and instruction regarding nutrition and diet.

10 TAX CREDIT — GENERAL. The bill establishes a from farm
11 to food donation tax credit against individual or corporate
12 income taxes. The tax credit may be claimed by the taxpayer
13 who produces the food. The tax credit is administered by the
14 department of revenue.

15 TAX CREDIT — TAXPAYERS. The bill provides that the taxpayer
16 may claim a tax credit for 10 percent of the fair market value
17 of donated commodities up to \$5,000. The bill requires that
18 the commodities be suitable for human consumption. The bill
19 provides that the tax credit is not refundable but allows a
20 taxpayer to carry forward the tax credit for up to five years.
21 An individual may claim a tax credit of a partnership, limited
22 liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust electing to
23 have income taxed directly to the individual.

24 TAX CREDIT — APPLICABILITY. The tax credit applies to tax
25 years beginning on or after January 1, 2014.