

HOUSE No. 1199

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:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Dylan Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>William Driscoll</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>

<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1199) of Paul McMurtry and others 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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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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.