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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes food rescue hotline.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing a food rescue hotline and supplementing Title
2 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. The Food Security Advocate shall establish and maintain, in
8 the Office of the Food Security Advocate, a food rescue hotline that
9 shall be designed to:

10 (1) receive and respond to requests submitted by telephone, in-
11 person, or through electronic or other means, as may be authorized by
12 the Food Security Advocate, from individuals or organizations that are
13 seeking to donate large quantities of food; and

14 (2) direct each individual or organization requesting hotline
15 assistance, pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, to an
16 appropriate food bank, and to other appropriate community resources
17 and organizations, in order to facilitate the delivery of the requester's
18 donated food to an appropriate location.

19 b. The Food Security Advocate shall engage in a public
20 awareness campaign, using all available media, including television,
21 radio, print, the Internet, and social media, to inform the public about
22 the availability and purpose of the food rescue hotline.

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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29 This bill requires the Food Security Advocate to establish and
30 maintain, in the Office of the Food Security Advocate, a food
31 rescue hotline that is designed to: (1) receive and respond to
32 requests, whether by telephone, in-person, or via electronic or other
33 means, as authorized by the Food Security Advocate, from
34 individuals or organizations that are seeking to donate large
35 quantities of food; and (2) direct each such individual or
36 organization requesting hotline assistance to an appropriate food
37 bank, and to other appropriate community resources and
38 organizations, in order to facilitate the delivery of the donated food
39 to an appropriate location.

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41 public awareness campaign, using all available media, including
42 television, radio, print, the Internet, and social media, to inform the
43 public about the availability and purpose of the food rescue hotline.