

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2453

S.P. 933

In Senate, March 4, 1988

Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative TARDY of Palmyra, Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec, Senator BLACK of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

1 **RESOLVE, to Study a Program to Promote**
2 **the Purchase of State-Grown Produce by**
3 **Needy Persons.**
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5 **Study; report. Resolved:** That the Department of
6 Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall undertake,
7 design and operate a program to promote the purchase
8 of state-grown and processed food products by
9 nutritionally at-risk groups. The program shall be
10 conducted with the cooperation of the Commissioner of

1 Human Services or the commissioner's designee. The
2 Commissioner of Human Services shall identify those
3 persons who are nutritionally at risk and supply those
4 persons with food coupons. These coupons shall be
5 redeemable at local farmers' markets. The farmers may
6 then redeem the coupons for cash through the
7 Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.
8 The department shall also encourage farmers to create
9 markets in metropolitan areas, in proximity to
10 nutritionally at-risk populations. The Department of
11 Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall
12 investigate the possibility of participation of direct
13 marketing groups in federal food programs; and be it
14 further

15 **Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following
16 funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry
17 out the purposes of this Act.

18 1988-89
19 AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND
20 RURAL RESOURCES,
21 DEPARTMENT OF

22 All Other \$30,000

23 STATEMENT OF FACT

24 This bill provides for an appropriation to set up
25 a pilot program for the purpose of providing fresh
26 produce to poor people.

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