

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2019

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No. 786

S.P. 230

In Senate, February 12, 2019

### **An Act To Reduce Hunger and Promote Maine Agriculture**

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and  
Senators: BLACK of Franklin, BREEN of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot, Representatives:  
FECTEAU of Biddeford, HALL of Wilton, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, SKOLFIELD of  
Weld, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
3 allocations are made.

4 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**  
5 **Statewide Hunger Relief Program N230**

6 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to contract with a nonprofit organization that provides  
7 statewide hunger relief services to allow that organization to engage in statewide hunger  
8 relief services, including, but not limited to, the purchase of food from Maine food  
9 producers and processors, to provide grants to local hunger relief programs and to pay the  
10 operational and distribution expenses of the organization.

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|----|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 12 | <b>GENERAL FUND</b>       | <b>2019-20</b>     | <b>2020-21</b>     |
| 13 | All Other                 | \$2,500,000        | \$2,500,000        |
| 14 |                           | <hr/>              | <hr/>              |
| 15 | <b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b> | <b>\$2,500,000</b> | <b>\$2,500,000</b> |

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill provides an appropriation to allow the Department of Agriculture,  
18 Conservation and Forestry to contract with a nonprofit organization that provides  
19 statewide hunger relief services to allow that organization to:

- 20 1. Engage in statewide hunger relief services, including, but not limited to, the  
21 purchase of food from Maine food producers and processors;
- 22 2. Provide grants to local hunger relief programs; and
- 23 3. Pay its operational and distribution expenses.