

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 955

House of Representatives, March 30, 2021

### **An Act To Permit Emergency Funding for Food Banks When a State of Emergency is Declared**

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Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative PAULHUS of Bath.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, BERRY of Bowdoinham, HEPLER of Woolwich, MATLACK of St. George, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, TEPLER of Topsham, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1532, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

3 **9. Emergency funding for nonprofit food banks.** During a state of emergency  
4 declared in accordance with Title 37-B, section 742, subsection 1, the Governor may  
5 distribute up to \$400,000 from the stabilization fund to nonprofit entities, including food  
6 banks, food pantries and soup kitchens, that provide or distribute food to low-income,  
7 indigent or unemployed individuals or households without charge.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill authorizes the Governor to distribute up to \$400,000 from the Maine Budget  
10 Stabilization Fund during a state of emergency to nonprofit entities, including food banks,  
11 food pantries and soup kitchens, that provide or distribute food to low-income, indigent or  
12 unemployed individuals or households without charge.