

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-331)

This amendment reduces the annual appropriation to \$1,000,000 from \$1,500,000 as proposed in Committee Amendment "A" and requires \$1,000,000 to be transferred in fiscal year 2019-20 and fiscal year 2020-21 from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 514 provides an appropriation to allow the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to contract with a nonprofit organization that provides statewide hunger relief services to allow that organization to:

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

**LD 795 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine CARRIED OVER
To Establish a Right to Food**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HICKMAN C	OTP-AM	H-430
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This constitutional resolution declares that all individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right to acquire, produce, process, prepare, preserve and consume and to barter, trade and purchase the food of their own choosing for their own nourishment, sustenance, bodily health and well-being.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-430)

This amendment, which is the majority report, incorporates a fiscal note.

House Amendment "A" (H-541)

This amendment amends the resolution by:

1. Removing the word "acquire" from the enumeration of the elements of an individual's right to food and removing the language limiting the exercise of acquisition;
2. Removing language establishing a fundamental right to be free from hunger, starvation and the endangerment of life due to scarcity of or lack of access to food; and
3. Specifying that the right to food does not allow an individual to abuse private property rights or abuse public lands or natural resources in the harvesting of food.

This resolution was reported out of committee and then carried over in the House to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.