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House of Representatives, March 30, 2021

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

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

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 4 5 6 7	9. Emergency funding for nonprofit food banks. During a state of emergency declared in accordance with Title 37-B, section 742, subsection 1, the Governor may distribute up to \$400,000 from the stabilization fund to nonprofit entities, including food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens, that provide or distribute food to low-income, 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