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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT TO LD 1299, AN ACT TO PERMIT EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR FOOD BANKS WHEN A STATE OF EMERGENCY IS DECLARED

Amend the bill in section 1 as follows:

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

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. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall adopt rules to prescribe the manner in which the funds must be disbursed. The commissioner may leverage funds under this subsection to match any relevant federal funding available for qualifying food programs in the state. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as described in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

This amendment directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to adopt rules to prescribe the manner in which the emergency funding for nonprofit entities must be disbursed and authorizes the commissioner to leverage emergency funding for nonprofit entities to match any relevant federal available for qualifying food programs in the state.