

Food Waste Reduction Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Under this bill, any and all large grocery stores that fall under the
2 definition provided in Section 2 will be required to donate their unsellable
3 consumable goods to US based nonprofit food assistance organizations
4 rather than contributing to food waste.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Unsellable consumable goods refers to any food product that is no longer
6 marketable, but is still considered safe for consumption. A large grocery
7 store, or supermarket, is defined by the US Department of Agriculture as a
8 store that has reported, “at least \$2 million in annual sales and contained
9 all the major food departments found in a traditional supermarket,
10 including fresh meat and poultry, dairy, dry and packaged foods, and frozen
11 foods”. A US based nonprofit food assistance organization can be classified
12 as an organization based in the United States that has a focus on assisting
13 with food scarcity and has been classified as a nonprofit by the IRS.
- 14 **SECTION 3.** This mandate will be implemented and overseen by the United States
15 Department of Agriculture. If this legislation is violated, the acting party
16 will be subject to a fine of 4000 dollars for each infraction.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2024. All laws in conflict with this
18 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clayton High School.