

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 904

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

LIABILITY: Provides for limitation of liability of schools, churches, and civic organizations for damages from donated food

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2799(A)(1) and 2799.3, relative to limitation of liability for  
3 damages from donated food; to provide for limitation of liability of schools,  
4 churches, and civic organizations; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 9:2799(A)(1) and 2799.3 are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
7 as follows:

8 §2799. Limitation of liability for damages from donated food

9 A.(1) No person shall have a cause of action against a food bank and its  
10 designated distributor or against any individual, farmer, food service establishment,  
11 school, church, civic organization, manufacturer, processor, packer, restaurant,  
12 wholesaler, or retailer of food, or vitamins, who donates to food banks perishable,  
13 salvageable, or prepared food for gleaning or for free distribution by food banks, for  
14 damages caused by the condition of the food or vitamins, unless the damages result  
15 from the intentional act or omission or the gross negligence of the food bank, its  
16 designated distributor, or donor.

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18 §2799.3. Limitation of liability of ~~a restaurant~~, restaurants, schools, churches, civic  
19 organizations, and certain food donors for damages from donated food

20 No person shall have a cause of action against a restaurant, church, civic  
21 organization, or school, or against any individual, farmer, manufacturer, processor,

1 packer, wholesaler, or retailer of food who donates perishable, salvageable food  
 2 which is prepared and subsequently donated by the restaurant, church, civic  
 3 organization, or school to a facility which operates an on-premises feeding program  
 4 for the needy, the ill, the handicapped, infants, or individuals or families in need of  
 5 assistance for damages caused by the condition of the food, unless the damages result  
 6 from the intentional act or omission or the negligence of the restaurant or donor.

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### DIGEST

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HB No. 904

**Abstract:** Provides for limitation of liability of schools, churches, and civic organizations for damages from donated food.

Present law provides that no person shall have a cause of action against a food bank and its designated distributor or against any of the following entities who donate perishable, salvageable, or prepared food for gleaning or for free distribution by food banks for damages caused by the condition of donated food unless the damages result from an intentional act, omission, or gross negligence:

- (1) An individual.
- (2) A farmer.
- (3) A food service establishment.
- (4) A manufacturer.
- (5) A processor.
- (6) A packer.
- (7) A restaurant.
- (8) A wholesaler.
- (9) A retailer.

Proposed law retains present law and adds schools, churches, and civic organizations to the listing of entities which are granted such limitation of liability for damages from food donated to a food bank.

Present law provides that no person shall have a cause of action against a restaurant, or any of the entities listed above who donate perishable, salvageable food which is prepared and subsequently donated by the restaurant to a facility which operates an on-premises feeding program for the needy, the ill, the handicapped, infants, or individuals or needy families for damages caused by the condition of donated food unless the damages result from an intentional act, omission, or gross negligence.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that in addition to a restaurant, a school, church, or civic organization is also granted such limitation of liability for damages resulting from the condition of prepared food it donates to a facility which operates an on-premises feeding program for the needy, the ill, the handicapped, infants, or individuals or needy families.

(Amends R.S. 9:2799(A)(1) and 2799.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Added churches and civic organizations to the list of entities that are provided with limited liability for damages resulting from donated food.