

Enacted in 1996, **the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Federal Act** encourages not-for-profit organizations to donate of food and grocery products for distribution to individuals in need. This legislation provides liability protection to donors for the donation of food and grocery products that meet all quality and labeling standards imposed by federal, state and local laws and regulations for food that is not considered "readily marketable due to appearance, age, freshness, grade, size, surplus or other conditions."

To review the full language of the legislation [click here](#).

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