

HB 47 -- MISSOURI FOOD WASTE

SPONSOR: Brown (27)

This bill establishes the "Missouri Food Waste Law," which requires all persons having annual food sale revenues above \$5 million to donate 10% of their excess food that is fit for human consumption to needy individuals or nonprofit organizations that provide food to needy individuals. It is unlawful for a person to intentionally render food inedible to avoid compliance with this requirement. A person who does not comply is guilty of a misdemeanor and will be assessed a fine up to \$25,000.

The Department of Health and Senior Services must monitor compliance and may conduct audits as necessary. All persons must maintain records to verify compliance with the law and certify compliance on a form developed by the department. Compliance with the law in good faith is a defense to any claim against an establishment or owner, based on defects in the food.