

House Bill 1418

By: Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Jones of the 25th, Schofield of the 63rd, Beckles of the 96th, Davis of the 87th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to authorize local
3 governments to establish resource recovery programs in order to reduce hunger and food
4 waste and to utilize a digital platform for such programs; to provide requirements for digital
5 platforms; to limit liability of participants in certain circumstances; to provide definitions;
6 to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Resource Exchange and Sharing
11 for Community Uplift and Emergency Resilience (RESCUER) Act."

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
14 provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by adding a new
15 Code section to read as follows:

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16 "36-60-34.

17 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

18 (1) 'Local community' means:

19 (A) Individuals residing within the boundaries of a county or municipal corporation;
20 and

21 (B) Food banks, restaurants, grocery stores, and other retailers that offer food in such
22 county or municipal corporation.

23 (2) 'Resource recovery program' or 'program' means a voluntary program that connects
24 members of a local community to allow such members to share food with the goal of
25 reducing hunger and food waste.

26 (b) The governing authority of each county and the governing authority of each municipal
27 corporation shall be authorized to establish a resource recovery program for the local
28 community of such county or municipal corporation and utilize a digital platform for such
29 program. A digital platform used for a resource recovery program shall allow such
30 governing authority to limit participation in the program to members of the local
31 community.

32 (c) A member of the local community who in good faith shares food through a resource
33 recovery program and a digital platform used for a resource recovery program shall not be
34 subject to criminal penalty or civil damages arising from the condition of the food, unless
35 injury is caused by the recklessness or intentional misconduct of such member of the local
36 community."

37 **SECTION 3.**

38 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.