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**An Act To Authorize the Maine Emergency Management Agency
To Requisition Food Supplies for Emergency Use or Special Duty
Assignments**

Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

Robert B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WARREN of Hallowell.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §8-C, first ¶**, as corrected by RR 1995, c. 2, §1 and amended by
3 PL 2001, c. 354, §3; PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §§6 and 7; PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7; and PL
4 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §23, is further amended to read:

5 All commissary-type facilities operated by state departments for the sale of food and
6 food supplies to any person must be eliminated. Purchasing of food and food supplies for
7 any person by requisition or otherwise is prohibited, except that the Department of Defense,
8 Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency and the
9 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Agriculture,
10 Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry may requisition food supplies for
11 emergency use or special duty assignments. Meals purchased and prepared for institutional
12 or school use may be sold to employees or to visitors based on the actual total cost of
13 purchasing, preparing and serving such food or food supplies. In the case of institutions
14 and schools operated by the Department of Health and Human Services, income derived
15 from the sale of meals accrues to the General Fund. With the approval of the Commissioner
16 of Health and Human Services and the head of the institution involved, no charge may be
17 made for the provision of meals to any state employee who eats such meals within the scope
18 of employment and in doing so serves a function of that employment. If such approval is
19 given, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall establish standards that must
20 be applied uniformly at all institutions within the department.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill authorizes the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management,
23 Maine Emergency Management Agency to requisition food supplies for emergency use or
24 special duty assignments and corrects a reference to the Department of Agriculture,
25 Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry.