

# **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §19-30-4**

## **§19-30-4. Donation of food items; exemption from civil and criminal liability.**

Any person who makes a good faith donation of prepared or perishable food which appears to be fit for human consumption at the time it is donated to a charitable or nonprofit organization is not liable for damages in any civil action or subject to criminal prosecution for any injury or death due to the condition of the food unless the injury or death is a direct result of the gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct of the donor.

A charitable or nonprofit organization or an officer, employee or volunteer of the organization that in good faith receives and distributes, without charge, food which appears to be fit for human consumption at the time it is distributed is not liable for damages in any civil action or subject to criminal prosecution for any injury or death due to the condition of the food unless the injury or death is a direct result of the gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct of the organization or its officers, employees or volunteer workers.

This section applies to all good faith donations of perishable food which is not readily marketable due to appearance, freshness, grade, surplus supply or other conditions.