**SOUTH CAROLINA YMCA**

**YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT**

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**BILL NUMBER:**

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**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An Act to Require Food and Hospitality Establishments to Donate Excess Food to Nonprofit Shelters

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE YMCA MODEL LEGISLATURE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

**Section 1:** South Carolina’s biggest waste yearly is food. The current state of South Carolina’s individual restaurants, are throwing away 54 tons of food yearly. Also, since 2002, it has increased by 3 tons every year. Thus, this will provide more than enough food to a nonprofit shelter.

**Section 2:** It is estimated that 40% of grown food is never eaten. The food given to the nonprofit shelters are all unused from the restaurants, not unsanitary food. Every year South Carolina’s restaurant’s as a whole, waste about 131,937 tons of SSOM (Source Separated Organized Materials).

**Section 3:** Because restaurants throughout South Carolina are wasting tons of SSOM the homeless are losing an opportunity of food. We can help over 800,000 people in South Carolina who are struggling with hunger.