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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. RAGA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to article 1 of the constitution, in relation to the right to food and the right to be free from hunger, malnutrition, starvation and the endangerment of life from the scarcity of or lack of access to food

1 Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That article 1 of the
2 constitution be amended by adding a new section 20 to read as follows:

3 § 20. All individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right
4 to nutritious, sufficient, and quality food, including the right to save
5 and exchange seeds and the right to grow, raise, harvest, produce and
6 consume the food of their own choosing for their own nourishment, suste-
7 nance, bodily health and well-being, as long as an individual does not
8 commit trespassing, theft, poaching or other abuses of private property
9 rights, public lands or natural resources in the harvesting, production
10 or acquisition of food; furthermore, all individuals have a fundamental
11 right to be free from hunger, malnutrition, starvation and the endanger-
12 ment of life from the scarcity of or lack of access to nourishing food.

13 § 2. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendments
14 be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the
15 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in
16 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be
17 published 3 months previous to the time of such election.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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