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AN ACT CONCERNING EDIBLE FOOD RECOVERY.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	60,655	78,206
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	22,821	30,427

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to develop and implement guidelines for supermarkets to donate surplus food, resulting in a cost to the state. To meet the requirements of the bill DCP will have to hire one food inspector for a salary and other expenses cost of \$60,655 in FY 27² and \$78,206 in FY 28, along with a fringe benefit cost of \$22,821 in FY 27 and \$30,427 in FY 28. The additional employee will be needed to respond to inquiries from retailers and food donors, provide technical assistance, collect and review the supermarket food donation reports, and annually report to the Public Health and General Law committees.

The Out Years

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.82% of payroll in FY 27.

²Costs in FY 27 reflect nine months of expenditures due to the bills October 1, 2026, effective date.

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The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to employee wage increases and inflation.