THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

NO. 7 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY _____ May 8, 2025

REFERRED TO SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Fresh Food Financing

An Act authorizing the Department of Agriculture to provide grants for fresh food.

Section (1). The Department of Agriculture shall administer the Fresh Food Financing Grant Program to provide grants to food distributors to promote local agricultural products by placing priority on projects producing or selling Pennsylvania agricultural products.

Section (2). The department shall make grants to the following classes:

- (1) Regional anchor supermarkets.
- (2) Grocery stores.
- (3) Retail food establishments.
- (4) Farmers markets.

Section (3). The department shall provide priority to USDA-food deserts.

Section (4). This shall take effect in 60 days.