

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Fair Prices and Tax-Free Groceries Act, 2026*.

Food Affordability Plan

2. (1) The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador shall, within 6 months after this Act comes into force, develop a plan respecting the affordability and access of food products and non-alcoholic beverages in the province.

(2) The plan shall include, at minimum, measures to:

- (a) access to affordable food products and non-alcoholic beverages in the province; and
- (b) reduce the tax burden on food products and non-alcoholic beverages.

(3) The minister responsible for this Act shall publish the plan on the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador website.

Removal of Provincial Portion of HST

3. (1) The Minister of Finance shall take all necessary steps toward removing the provincial portion of the harmonized sales tax on food products and non-alcoholic beverages.

(2) The steps referred to in subsection (1) shall include

- (a) preparing legislative and regulatory amendments required to implement the removal of the provincial portion of the harmonized sales tax on food products and non-alcoholic beverages;
 - (b) entering into discussions or agreements with the Government of Canada required to implement those changes; and
 - (c) formally requesting amendments to federal legislation or agreements necessary to remove the federal portion of the harmonized sales tax on food products and non-alcoholic beverages.
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Commencement

4. This Act comes into force on the day it receives royal assent.