
DIGEST

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HB No. 1148

Abstract: Requires employees of food service establishments to have a food safety certificate or a food handler certificate.

Present law requires, at a minimum, the owner or a designated employee of a food service establishment to hold a food safety certificate; however, the state health officer and the office of public health of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) shall not require more than one owner or employee per establishment to hold a food safety certificate.

Proposed law retains present law but provides a sunset date of June 30, 2015 for the prohibition on requiring more than one owner or employee to hold a food safety certificate.

Proposed law authorizes, beginning June 30, 2015, the state health officer and the office of public health of DHH to require a designated manager, or equivalent person in charge, who holds a current food safety certificate be physically present at each location of a food service establishment during hours of operation.

Proposed law requires, if the food service establishment's permit is issued pursuant to the provisions of DHH's rules and regulations for mobile food establishments, mobile retail food stores and markets, and pushcarts, at least one employee of the food service establishment who holds a food handler certificate or its equivalent to be present at the food service establishment.

Present law provides that any food service establishment whose food sales are less than \$125,000 annually shall not be required to comply with present law until July 1, 2002.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 40:5.5(C)(intro. para.); Repeals R.S. 40:5.5(C)(6))