

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 929

By: Senator K. Smith

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE PROPER FOOD SAFETY; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO ENSURE PROPER FOOD SAFETY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. (a) Employees of food service establishments shall keep their hands and exposed portions of their arms clean in a manner approved by the Department of Health.

(b)(1) Except when washing fruits and vegetables, employees of food service establishments shall avoid contact of exposed ready-to-eat food with their hands by use of suitable utensils such as deli tissue, spatulas, tongs or single-use gloves; or they shall wash hands and exposed portions of their arms utilizing a handwashing program approved by the department.

(2) Employees shall minimize bare hand and arm contact with exposed food that is not in a ready-to-eat form.

(c) The department shall, within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act, initiate a full review of the current version of the United States Food and Drug Administration Model Food Code.

(2) The department shall report their findings to the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.

(d) As used in this section, "food service establishment" means any fixed or mobile restaurant, coffee shop, cafeteria, short-order cafe, luncheonette, grille, tearoom, soda fountain, sandwich shop, hotel kitchen, smorgasbord, tavern, bar, cocktail lounge, night club, roadside stand,

1 industrial feeding establishment, school lunch project, private, public, or
2 nonprofit organization or institution routinely serving the public, catering
3 kitchen, commissary, or similar place in which the food or drink is prepared
4 for sale or for service on the premises or elsewhere; or any grocery store,
5 delicatessen, meat market, retail bakery, or other establishment which sells
6 or otherwise provides food for immediate or on-premise consumption,
7 regardless of whether serving food for immediate consumption is the primary
8 activity of the business; and any other eating and drinking establishment
9 where food is served or provided for the public with or without charge.

10 /s/ K. Smith