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SENATE BILL 208*

Short Title: Lodging Establishments/Sanitation.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Foxx, Webster, Ballance, Kerr, McDaniel, Warren; Allran, Ballantine, Blust, Carrington, Clark, Cochrane, East, Forrester, Garwood, Hartsell, Horton, Hoyle, Kinnaird, Ledbetter, Page, Rand, Rucho, and Soles.

Referred to: Commerce.

February 20, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PERTAINING TO THE SANITIZATION OF COOKING UTENSILS PROVIDED BY LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 130A-248(a3) reads as rewritten:

"(a3) The rules adopted by the Commission pursuant to subsections (a), (a1), and (a2) of this section shall address, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Sanitation requirements for cleanliness of floors, walls, ceilings, storage spaces, utensils, ventilation equipment, and other areas and items;

(2) Requirements for:

a. Lighting and water supply;

b. Wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal facilities; and

c. Lavatory and toilet facilities, food protection, and waste disposal;

(3) The cleaning and bactericidal treatment of eating and drinking utensils and other food-contact ~~surfaces~~; surfaces. A requirement imposed under this subdivision to sanitize eating and drinking utensils and other food-

1 contact surfaces does not apply to utensils and surfaces in a lodging unit
2 that provides reusable utensils for guests to prepare food while staying
3 in the lodging unit.

4 (3a) The appropriate and reasonable use of gloves or utensils by employees
5 who handle unwrapped food;

6 (4) The methods of food preparation, transportation, catering, storage, and
7 serving;

8 (5) The health of employees;

9 (6) Animal and vermin control; and

10 (7) The prohibition against the offering of unwrapped food samples to the
11 general public unless the offering and acceptance of the samples are
12 continuously supervised by an agent of the entity preparing or offering
13 the samples or by an agent of the entity on whose premises the samples
14 are made available. As used in this subdivision, 'food samples' means
15 unwrapped food prepared and made available for sampling by and
16 without charge to the general public for the purpose of promoting the
17 food made available for sampling. This subdivision does not apply to
18 unwrapped food prepared and offered in buffet, cafeteria, or other style
19 in exchange for payment by the general public or by the person or entity
20 arranging for the preparation and offering of such unwrapped food. This
21 subdivision shall not apply to open air produce markets nor to farmer
22 market facilities operated on land owned or leased by the State of North
23 Carolina or any local government.

24 The rules shall contain a system for grading establishments, such as Grade A, Grade B,
25 and Grade C. The rules shall be written in a manner that promotes consistency in both the
26 interpretation and application of the grading system."

27 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.