
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
AUGUST 30, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in food protection, further providing for retail
3 food facility and employee cleanliness.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 5710 of Title 3 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5710. Retail food facility and employee cleanliness.

9 (a) General.--All retail food facilities, kitchens, dining
10 rooms and all places where foods are prepared, kept or stored
11 shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and be protected
12 from dust, dirt, insects and vermin in the manner prescribed by
13 the regulations of the department. The clothing and hands of
14 employees shall at all times be clean and sanitary. Except when
15 washing fruits and vegetables or when approved by the
16 department, food employees may not contact exposed, ready-to-eat
17 food with their bare hands and shall use suitable utensils such

1 as deli tissue, spatulas, tongs, single-use gloves or dispensing
2 equipment. No domestic pets or other animals shall be permitted
3 where food or drink is prepared, handled or stored unless
4 specifically permitted or required under the Americans with
5 Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336, 104 Stat. 327) or
6 other Federal or State law. No person shall be permitted to use
7 for living or sleeping purposes any room or place in any retail
8 food facility which is regularly and customarily used for the
9 preparation, handling, storing or serving of food.

10 (b) Required notice.--The following notice shall be posted
11 conspicuously in all areas where food is prepared, including
12 where beverages are served with cut fruits or vegetables:

13 REMINDER - ABSOLUTELY NO BARE-HAND CONTACT WITH READY-TO-EAT
14 FOOD, INCLUDING THE CUTTING AND SERVING OF FRUITS AND
15 VEGETABLES FOR SALADS, DRINKS AND GARNISHES AND ALL ITEMS
16 SERVED IN EDIBLE CONTAINERS. USE APPROPRIATE UTENSILS, GLOVES
17 OR DELI TISSUE. FOOD SERVERS SHALL NOT HANDLE MONEY WHILE
18 USING GLOVES.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.