



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6804

House of Representatives, April 6, 2005

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. STONE, C. of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING RESTAURANT SAFETY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1,
2 2005, each food service establishment in the state shall acquire a sign
3 that describes how to recognize the signs of choking and that
4 addresses appropriate procedures to be taken if a patron of a food
5 service establishment is choking. Such sign shall be conspicuously
6 displayed in such food service establishment within an area where
7 food operators and any other employee of a food service establishment
8 can readily view such sign and such food operators and employees of
9 such food service establishment shall become familiar with the
10 contents of such sign.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Various Municipalities	Revenue Gain	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Explanation

It is anticipated that State or municipal entities operating food service establishments (e. g., public schools, state-operated residential facilities) will incur negligible costs to obtain and post the required sign.

Those communities having locally established fines may receive additional revenues to the extent that penalties are imposed for non-compliance.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING RESTAURANT SAFETY**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires food service establishments to acquire by October 1, 2005, a sign describing how to recognize choking signs and addresses appropriate procedures to take if a patron is choking. It must be posted conspicuously in an area where food operators and other employees can readily see it. The bill requires food operators and other employees to become familiar with the sign's contents.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Food Service Establishments and Food Operators***

The Public Health Code defines "food service establishment" as a place where food is prepared and intended for individual service, regardless of whether consumption is on or off the premises or whether there is a charge for the food. It defines "food operator" as a full-time employee who has demonstrated knowledge of safe food handling techniques (Conn. Agencies Reg. § 19-13-B42).

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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