
OLR Bill Analysis**SB 434*****AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE IN FUNERAL HOMES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows funeral directors or anyone engaged in the funeral directing business to serve nonalcoholic beverages and packaged food to people making funeral arrangements or arranging for disposition of a deceased person's body at a funeral home. Current regulations prohibit this practice (see BACKGROUND).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

BACKGROUND***Regulations on Food or Beverages at Funeral Homes***

Department of Public Health regulations prohibit (1) serving food or drink in a funeral home or in connection with a funeral service or (2) storing equipment and supplies for such purposes in a funeral home. The prohibition does not apply to a funeral home proprietor who lives on the premises and serves food or drink to invitees or family not in connection with a funeral. It also does not apply to a funeral home proprietor storing equipment and supplies for his or her employees' use or otherwise making facilities for food or drink available to employees (Conn. Agencies Reg. § 20-211-28).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/21/2014)