



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 397**

*January Session, 2015*

House Bill No. 5347

*House of Representatives, April 2, 2015*

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. RITTER of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF NATURAL RUBBER LATEX GLOVES AT RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) No person shall use or  
2 require the use of disposable, nonsterile or sterile natural rubber latex  
3 gloves at a retail food establishment, including, but not limited to, a  
4 food service establishment, catering food service establishment or  
5 itinerant food vending establishment.

6 (b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be  
7 fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars nor more than five  
8 hundred dollars.

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

|           |                        |             |
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| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2015</i> | New section |
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*GL*      *Joint Favorable C/R*

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*PH*      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:**

| <b>Municipalities</b> | <b>Effect</b> | <b>FY 16 \$</b>   | <b>FY 17 \$</b>   |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| All Municipalities    | Revenue Gain  | Potential Minimal | Potential Minimal |

**Explanation**

The bill prohibits the use of latex gloves at certain retail food establishments. It imposes a fine of between \$250 and \$500 for any establishment that violates the prohibition on latex gloves.

The bill does not specify how the prohibition will be enforced or whether the state or municipalities will collect revenue gained from the fine. It is anticipated that municipalities would enforce this provision and collect any resulting revenue. Any revenue gain to municipalities resulting from this bill is anticipated to be minimal.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of fines issued.

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5347*****AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF NATURAL RUBBER LATEX GLOVES AT RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits the use or requiring the use of disposable, natural rubber latex gloves at retail food establishments, including food service, catering food service, or itinerant (temporary or mobile) food vending establishments.

The bill subjects violators to fines of between \$250 and \$500.

The bill does not specify how the latex glove prohibition will be enforced, and the fine imposed. By law, the public health commissioner establishes regulations for food service, catering, and itinerant food vending establishments under the Public Health Code (CGS § 19a-36). Under these regulations, local health directors inspect the establishments for compliance and issue appropriate orders (Conn. Agencies Reg. §§ 19-13-B42, 19-13-B48, and 19-13-B49).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2015

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

## General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/12/2015)

## Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 27 Nay 0 (03/23/2015)