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LCO No. 3493



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN BEVERAGES
ON CHILDREN'S MENUS.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Authorized agent" means any individual certified by the
3 Commissioner of Public Health to inspect food service establishments
4 and enforce the provisions of section 19-13-B42 of the regulations of
5 Connecticut state agencies under the supervision or authority of the
6 director of health;
- 7 (2) "Children's meal" means a single food item or combination of
8 food items and a beverage sold together at a single price and intended
9 primarily for consumption by a child;
- 10 (3) "Children's menu" means a restaurant menu intended primarily
11 for children, a section of a restaurant menu intended primarily for
12 children or an advertisement for a children's meal;
- 13 (4) "Director of health" means the director of a local health

14 department or district health department confirmed or appointed
15 pursuant to sections 19a-200 and 19a-242 of the general statutes;

16 (5) "Nondairy milk alternative" means a fluid milk substitute that
17 meets the standards established pursuant to the National School Lunch
18 Program meal requirements for lunches and requirements for
19 afterschool snacks, 7 CFR 210.10; and

20 (6) "Restaurant" means any entity, other than a grocery store, that is
21 licensed, permitted, registered or inspected as a food service
22 establishment by a local health department or district health
23 department pursuant to section 19-13-B42 of the regulations of
24 Connecticut state agencies.

25 (b) On and after January 1, 2020, no beverage listed or displayed on
26 a children's menu shall be a beverage other than water, sparkling
27 water, flavored water with no added sweeteners, unflavored milk or a
28 nondairy milk alternative.

29 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a restaurant
30 from selling or a customer from purchasing a beverage that does not
31 appear on a children's menu if such beverage is requested by the
32 customer.

33 (d) For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this section, each
34 authorized agent shall, as part of the regularly scheduled food service
35 establishment inspections, evaluate the restaurant's compliance with
36 such provisions.

37 Sec. 2. Section 19a-36a of the general statutes is repealed and the
38 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

39 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
40 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to assure that food
41 service establishments employ as food operators persons who have a
42 knowledge of safe food handling techniques and to set requirements
43 for the employment of food operators by such establishments. Such

44 regulations shall include, but not be limited to, responsibilities of food
45 service establishments and their employees, exemptions for certain
46 classes of food establishments and responsibilities of local health
47 departments in monitoring compliance of food establishments.

48 (b) On or before January 1, 2020, the Commissioner of Public Health
49 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter
50 54, incorporating inspection and enforcement procedures for the
51 requirements established in section 1 of this act into regularly
52 scheduled food service establishment inspections.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	19a-36a

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit restaurants from including soft drink beverages on children's menus and in children's meals.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]