

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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VIA: eRegulations system

December 6, 2022

Legislative Regulations Review Committee
Room 011, State Capitol
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Model Food Code (PR2018-017)

Dear Senator Maroney, Representative Klarides-Ditria, and Committee Members:

In accordance with section 4-170(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Connecticut Department of Public Health hereby electronically submits to the Committee our above referenced proposed regulation bearing the approval of the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency issued on December 5, 2022. This submission to your Committee has been prepared in the format mandated by your Committee rules issued on February 23, 2021.

These regulations were proposed to implement the United States Food and Drug Administration's Food Code (the "Food Code") and to implement the requirements of sections 19a-36g through 19a-36m of the Connecticut General Statutes. Adoption of the Food Code brings Connecticut into alignment with the majority of states, moving towards a uniform national regulatory system to provide a scientific foundation and legal framework for regulating the food service industry. Adoption of the Food Code will provide consistency with federal performance standards currently established and implemented in Connecticut, as well as consistency with foodservice industry practices. The Food Code recognizes the need for individualized state requirements governing inspections, waivers, certification of inspectors and permitting or licensing of food establishments, ensuring the safe handling of food and enforcement of the Food Code. Thus, in addition to adopting the Food Code this regulation is necessary to implement Connecticut's individualized requirements. Additionally, the regulation repeals sections 19-13-B40, 19-13-B42, 19-13-B48, 19-13-B49, which are outdated and in conflict with the current requirements of the Food Code and these regulations.

The fiscal note prepared in accordance with section 4-168 of the Connecticut General Statutes has been available for review within the eRegulations system. This proposed regulation was properly posted to the eRegulations system and a public comment period ran from June 16, 2022 to July 18, 2022. Public comments were received regarding this proposed regulation, and a response to comments document was drafted and uploaded to the eRegulations system. A notice of decision was posted to the eRegulations system on September 21, 2022.

If you have any questions concerning this proposed regulation, please do not hesitate to email Dante Costa at Dante.Costa@ct.gov. Thank you for your anticipated assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Manisha Juthani".

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