



Substitute House Bill No. 5902

Public Act No. 23-115

AN ACT REQUIRING FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS IN RESTAURANTS.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Not later than January 1, 2025, each class 2, class 3 and class 4 food establishment, as defined in section 19a-36g of the general statutes, shall post in a clear and conspicuous manner on its menus and menu boards a request for customers to notify their server, prior to placing an order, of any food allergies.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than December 1, 2023, the Department of Public Health shall develop or approve an informational poster regarding food allergies for display in class 2, class 3 and class 4 food establishments, as defined in section 19a-36g of the general statutes. The poster shall contain information concerning (1) the most common allergy-causing foods, (2) the actions a server should take when a customer notifies the server that the customer has a food allergy, (3) the ways in which kitchen staff and servers can prevent cross contact of foods, and (4) the need to contact the 911 emergency telecommunications number if a customer has an allergic reaction while on the premises of such food establishment.

(b) Not later than March 1, 2024, (1) each class 2, class 3 and class 4 food establishment shall display the poster developed or approved pursuant to subsection (a) of this section in a clear and conspicuous manner in its kitchen or designated staff area, and (2) the certified food

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protection manager, as defined in section 19a-36g of the general statutes, of each class 2, class 3 and class 4 food establishment shall ensure that each employee of the food establishment has viewed the poster and require each employee to confirm, in writing, that the employee has familiarized himself or herself with the information displayed in the poster. Failure to display the poster shall be grounds for an inspection violation under section 19a-36l of the general statutes.

Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Public Health shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health regarding the Department of Public Health's progress on the implementation of the food code, as defined in section 19a-36g of the general statutes, with respect to allergen training.