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2 Introduced by Representative Scheuermann of Stowe

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; food and lodging establishments; patios; leashed dogs

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the  
7 Commissioner of Health to amend the Department's rules to allow dogs on  
8 food establishment patios.

9 An act relating to allowing dogs on the patios of food establishments

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. RULEMAKING; LEASHED DOGS ON FOOD ESTABLISHMENT

12 PATIOS

13 The Commissioner of Health shall amend the Department's rules pertaining  
14 to food and lodging establishments pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to allow  
15 leashed, controlled dogs to be allowed on outdoor or screened patios of food  
16 establishments to the extent that food storage and preparation is not colocated  
17 with the patio and a health or safety hazard will not occur due to the presence  
18 or activities of the dog.

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.