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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1867**

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**By** House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Backlund, Cody and Sullivan; by request of Department of Health)

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1 AN ACT Relating to food and beverage service worker permits;  
2 amending RCW 69.06.010, 69.06.020, 69.06.030, and 69.06.050; adding a  
3 new section to chapter 69.06 RCW; and providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.06.010 and 1987 c 223 s 5 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 It shall be unlawful for any person to be employed in the handling  
8 of unwrapped or unpackaged food unless he or she shall furnish and  
9 place on file with the person in charge of such establishment, a food  
10 and beverage service worker's permit, as prescribed by the state board  
11 of health. Such permit shall be kept on file by the employer or kept  
12 by the employee on his or her person and open for inspection at all  
13 reasonable hours by authorized public health officials. Such permit  
14 shall be returned to the employee upon termination of employment.  
15 Initial permits, including limited duty permits, shall be valid for two  
16 years from the date of issuance. Subsequent renewal permits shall be  
17 valid for ((five)) three years from the date of issuance, except an  
18 employee may be granted a renewal permit that is valid for five years  
19 from the date of issuance if the employee demonstrates that he or she

1 has obtained additional food safety training prior to renewal of the  
2 permit. Rules establishing minimum training requirements must be  
3 adopted by the state board of health and developed by the department of  
4 health in conjunction with local health jurisdictions and  
5 representatives of the food service industry.

6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 69.06 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 The local health officer may issue a limited duty permit when  
9 necessary to reasonably accommodate a person with a disability. The  
10 limited duty permit must specify the activities that the permit holder  
11 may perform, and must include only activities having low public health  
12 risk.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 69.06.020 and 1987 c 223 s 6 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 The permit provided in RCW 69.06.010 or section 2 of this act shall  
16 be valid in every city, town and county in the state, for the period  
17 for which it is issued, and no other health certificate shall be  
18 required of such employees by any municipal corporation or political  
19 subdivision of the state. The cost of the permit shall be uniform  
20 throughout the state and shall be in that amount set by the state board  
21 of health. The cost of the permit shall reflect actual costs of food  
22 worker training and education, administration of the program, and  
23 testing of applicants. The state board of health shall periodically  
24 review the costs associated with the permit program and adjust the fee  
25 accordingly. The board shall also ensure that the fee is not set at an  
26 amount that would prohibit low-income persons from obtaining permits.

27 **Sec. 4.** RCW 69.06.030 and 1957 c 197 s 3 are each amended to read  
28 as follows:

29 It shall be unlawful for any person afflicted with any contagious  
30 or infectious disease that may be transmitted by food or beverage to  
31 work in or about any place where unwrapped or unpackaged food and/or  
32 beverage products are prepared or sold, or offered for sale for human  
33 consumption and it shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to employ  
34 a person so afflicted. Nothing in this section eliminates any  
35 authority or requirement to control or suppress communicable diseases  
36 pursuant to chapter 70.05 RCW and RCW 43.20.050(2)(e).

1       **Sec. 5.** RCW 69.06.050 and 1957 c 197 s 5 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       Individuals under this chapter (~~((shall have thirty days from~~  
4 ~~commencement of employment to secure health permits))~~ must obtain a  
5 food and beverage service workers' permit within fourteen days from  
6 commencement of employment. Individuals under this chapter may work  
7 for up to fourteen calendar days without a food and beverage service  
8 workers' permit, provided that they receive information or training  
9 regarding safe food handling practices from the employer prior to  
10 commencement of employment. Documentation that the information or  
11 training has been provided to the individual must be kept on file by  
12 the employer.

13       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 6.** Section 1 of this act takes effect July 1,  
14 1998.

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