

SB 5484-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Directs the department of health to establish a pilot project by which local government can apply for an exemption from certain food and drug administration food code sections to allow dogs within certain designated outdoor portions of premises holding a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license or a beer and/or wine restaurant license or certain designated outdoor portions of premises whose main business purpose is selling coffee.

Provides that, in order to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public, the local exemption ordinance shall include such regulations and limitations as deemed necessary by the participating local government and shall include at least the following requirements: (1) All employees of the establishments participating in the pilot shall wash their hands immediately after touching, petting, or otherwise handling dogs. Employees are prohibited from touching, petting, or otherwise handling dogs while serving food or beverages or handling tableware or before entering other parts of the establishment;

(2) Patrons in a designated outdoor area shall be advised that they should wash their hands before eating. Waterless hand sanitizer shall be provided at all tables in the designated outdoor area;

(3) Employees and patrons shall be instructed that they shall not allow dogs to come into contact with serving dishes, utensils, tableware, linens, paper products, or any other items involved with food service operations;

(4) Patrons shall ensure their dogs are licensed by the appropriate authority, keep their dogs on a leash at all times, and keep their dogs under reasonable control;

(5) Dogs shall not be allowed on chairs, tables, or other furnishings;

(6) All table and chair surfaces shall be cleaned and sanitized with an approved product between seating of patrons. Spilled food and drink shall be removed from the floor or ground between seating of patrons;

(7) Accidents involving dog waste shall be cleaned immediately and the area sanitized with an approved product. A kit with the appropriate materials for this purpose shall be kept near the designated outdoor area;

(8) A sign or signs reminding employees of the applicable rules shall be posted on the premises in a manner and place as determined by the local department of health; and

(9) A sign or signs shall be posted in a manner and place as determined by the local permitting authority that places

the public on notice that the designated outdoor area is available for the use of patrons and patrons' dogs.