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1 AN ACT Relating to food safety; amending RCW 69.06.010; adding new
2 sections to chapter 69.06 RCW; creating new sections; and repealing RCW
3 69.06.050.

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 shall be valid for two years from the date of issuance.
16 Subsequent renewal permits shall be valid for (~~five~~) three years from
17 the date of issuance for persons whose employment is continuous. A
18 person whose employment lapses for one year or more must be retrained
19 and reexamined under section 2 of this act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) No less than one manager at each retail
2 food service establishment that prepares potentially hazardous foods
3 must be certified by the local health officer as a food safety manager.
4 The certification may be granted to those individuals who have
5 successfully completed a training and examination program that imparts
6 and tests knowledge of the nature, prevention, and control of foodborne
7 disease transmission and of methods for identifying and monitoring
8 critical control points for safeguarding the production, processing,
9 preparation, and serving of food.

10 (2) The state board of health, in consultation with the state
11 department of health, the office of superintendent of public
12 instruction, Washington State University cooperative extension service,
13 local health agencies, and retail food establishment groups, shall
14 establish standards in rule for food service managers who must be
15 certified under this section.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department shall implement an education
17 program regarding safe handling and preparation of food targeted to
18 both the public and the food industry. The goal is to continuously
19 provide the public with the most accurate information available on food
20 handling and safety methods to avoid deadly foodborne illnesses such as
21 E. coli 0157:H7. The program shall involve all relevant entities in
22 the public and private sectors, including print and electronic media.

23 To implement this program, the department shall:

24 (1) Collect and maintain current information on scientifically and
25 educationally sound consumer education regarding safe food handling;

26 (2) In consultation with local public health jurisdictions and the
27 public and private sector partnership established in subsection (3) of
28 this section, disseminate food safety information using any necessary
29 and effective means which may include brochures, consumer hotlines,
30 posters, public service announcements in print and electronic media,
31 and educational curricula for use in schools, retail establishments,
32 and community groups; and

33 (3) Establish a public and private sector partnership including
34 retailers, media, public health officials, educators, child care
35 providers, food processors, and other entities to disseminate this
36 information to any individual or group who may be handling or preparing
37 food.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Every retail food service establishment
2 shall develop and display posters or provide alternative forms of
3 public information regarding the safe handling of potentially hazardous
4 foods. The state board of health shall identify the specific content
5 of the public information.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The local health officer shall make
7 available to an applicant for a food and beverage worker permit or
8 renewal of a permit a copy of the latest edition of the food and
9 beverage service worker's manual as prepared by the state department of
10 health.

11 (2) In order to qualify for issuance of a food and beverage worker
12 permit or renewal of a permit, the applicant shall demonstrate his or
13 her knowledge of acceptable practices in the sanitary preparation,
14 service, and storage of food and beverages, and the proper sanitation
15 of equipment and facilities by satisfactorily completing training and
16 an examination conducted by the local health officer or his or her
17 authorized representative on such subjects based on the practices and
18 procedures set forth in the food and beverage service workers manual.

19 (3) The board of health, in consultation with the state department
20 of health, the office of superintendent of public instruction,
21 Washington State University cooperative extension service, local health
22 agencies, and retail food establishment groups, shall establish
23 standards in rule for the availability of training and informational
24 material regarding food handling for all persons required to obtain
25 food and beverage service workers permits under this chapter. The
26 standards shall be based on recommendations contained in the public
27 health services improvement plan required by RCW 43.70.520, which shall
28 give consideration to the needs of all segments of the population
29 including those not fluent in English, the functionally illiterate, and
30 individuals with disabilities.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Owners of food service establishments or, in
32 the case of public entities, supervisors of food service
33 establishments, shall maintain, in a location accessible to employees,
34 an adequate supply of single-service food service gloves. Persons
35 handling food in the food service establishment shall use single-
36 service food service gloves or appropriate utensils as required by the
37 state board of health. The state board of health shall adopt a rule

1 that sets forth practical parameters for minimizing hand contact with
2 foods.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The state board of health shall adopt any
4 rule necessary to implement this act by August 1, 1995.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The legislative budget committee shall,
6 within its available resources, report by July 1997 on the extent to
7 which the terms and provisions of chapter . . ., Laws of 1994 (this
8 act) have been implemented, on the cost of compliance to the public and
9 private sectors, and on the effects of these provisions in reducing the
10 number and associated costs of foodborne illness in Washington.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** RCW 69.06.050 and 1957 c 197 s 5 are each
12 repealed.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Sections 2 through 6 of this act are each
14 added to chapter 69.06 RCW.

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