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Sponsor(s): Representatives Linville, Schoesler, Grant and Roach

Brief Description: Requiring exclusive statewide food service rules for retail food facilities.

**HB 2596 - DIGEST**

Declares that, effective July 1, 2004, the state board of health has the sole rule-making authority to adopt food service rules for retail food facilities, and the standards and rules adopted by and interpretations of the state board of health shall be exclusive for food service at retail food facilities.

Provides that, after June 30, 2004, local health departments shall administer the state food service rules and interpretations, except as provided for in this act.

Requires that, by December 1, 2003, the state board of health shall adopt updated food service rules. Periodically after July 1, 2004, the state board of health shall review and update the rules in consultation with local boards of health and the regulated community.