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Senate Bill 495

(Senator Haines, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Health and Government Operations

Carroll County - Food Sales - Religious Organizations

This bill authorizes a bona fide religious organization in Carroll County to offer for sale or sell certain homemade-style food if the food is produced at the organization and meets appropriate Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) health and safety standards. The food items covered by this bill are: (1) fruit jellies, jams, and preservatives; (2) fruit butter; and (3) fruit pies. The organization must meet the requirements of an “excluded organization” under the Health-General Article.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. This bill would not materially impact Carroll County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: An excluded organization includes a bona fide religious organization that does not serve food to the public more often than four days per week except that once a year an organization may serve food to the public for up to 14 consecutive days. An excluded organization may operate a food establishment without a DHMH license, unless the organization is licensed under a voluntary licensing system.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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