

Chapter 648

(House Bill 99)

AN ACT concerning

~~Health~~ Anne Arundel County – Semipermanent Food Service Facilities – Regulations Requirements

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain regulations~~ requiring the operator of a certain semipermanent food service facility to ~~keep a certain record of~~ meet certain requirements regarding wastewater disposal and to use, under certain circumstances, a certain hose to access to a potable water supply; providing for the application of this Act; defining the term “semipermanent food service facility”; and generally relating to ~~regulations~~ requirements regarding the operation of semipermanent food service facilities in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 21–301(a) and (h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 21–301(j–2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section ~~21–304(a)~~ 21–312.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

21–301.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(h) (1) “Food service facility” means:

(i) A place where food or drink is prepared for sale or service on the premises or elsewhere; or

(ii) Any operation where food is served to or provided for the public, with or without charge.

(2) “Food service facility” does not include:

(i) A kitchen in a private home where food is prepared at no charge for guests in the home, for guests at a social gathering, or for service to unemployed, homeless, or other disadvantaged populations;

(ii) A food preparation or serving area where only nonpotentially hazardous food, as defined by the United States Food and Drug Administration, is prepared or served only by an excluded organization; or

(iii) A location in a farmer’s market or at a public festival or event where raw agricultural products, as defined in § 21–304(d)(1)(iii) of this subtitle, are sold.

(J–2) (1) “SEMIPERMANENT FOOD SERVICE FACILITY” MEANS A FOOD SERVICE FACILITY THAT:

(I) IS BUILT AT A LOCATION OTHER THAN WHERE IT OPERATES;

(II) IS TRANSPORTED AS A COMPLETE UNIT THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE A BUILDING PERMIT TO INSTALL ON THE LOCATION AT WHICH IT OPERATES;

(III) HAS NO INDOOR SEATING FOR PATRONS; AND

(IV) WHEN SERVING COOKED FOOD, SERVES ONLY FOODS COOKED FOR IMMEDIATE SERVICE.

(2) “SEMIPERMANENT FOOD SERVICE FACILITY” DOES NOT INCLUDE A FOOD SERVICE FACILITY THAT IS A MECHANICALLY, ELECTRICALLY, MANUALLY, OR OTHERWISE PROPELLED VEHICLE OPERATING ON LAND OR WATER THAT MOVES AS PART OF ITS ROUTINE OPERATION TO:

(I) CHANGE LOCATION FOR SALES;

- (II) OBTAIN FOOD AND OTHER SUPPLIES;
- (III) FILL POTABLE WATER SUPPLY HOLDING TANKS;
- (IV) EMPTY WASTEWATER HOLDING TANKS; OR
- (V) PROVIDE FOR THE CLEANING AND SANITATION OF EQUIPMENT AND UTENSILS.

~~21-304.~~

~~(a) (1) The Department shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle.~~

~~(2) For excluded organizations, the Department:~~

~~(i) Shall adopt separate regulations that establish minimum standards that:~~

- ~~1. Ensure food integrity and safety;~~
- ~~2. Preserve public health; and~~
- ~~3. Control foodborne illnesses; and~~

~~(ii) May adopt separate regulations that establish a licensing system, with appropriate standards, that excluded organizations may voluntarily choose to submit to as a nonrescindable alternative to regulation under item (i) of this paragraph.~~

~~(3) FOR SEMIPERMANENT FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT SEPARATE REGULATIONS THAT REQUIRE THE OPERATOR OF A SEMIPERMANENT FOOD SERVICE FACILITY TO:~~

~~(i) KEEP A RECORD OF THE TIME, PLACE, AND METHOD OF WASTEWATER DISPOSAL; AND~~

~~(ii) USE A HOSE THAT IS APPROVED FOR FOOD SERVICE USE IF THE OPERATOR OF THE SEMIPERMANENT FOOD SERVICE FACILITY USES A HOSE TO ACCESS A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY.~~

21-312.2.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A SEMIPERMANENT FOOD SERVICE FACILITY THAT:

- (1) OPERATES IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY;
- (2) WAS LICENSED UNDER § 21-305 OF THIS SUBTITLE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2010; AND
- (3) WAS NOT SOLD OR TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER OPERATOR AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2010.
- (B) AN OPERATOR OF A SEMIPERMANENT FOOD SERVICE FACILITY SHALL:
- (1) PUMP OUT THE ONBOARD WASTEWATER HOLDING TANK AS FREQUENTLY AS REQUIRED BY ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY TO AVOID CREATING A PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCE;
- (2) REMOVE WASTEWATER BY:
- (I) HIRING A LICENSED LIQUID WASTE HAULER TO DISPOSE OF THE WASTEWATER; OR
- (II) DISPOSING OF THE WASTEWATER AT A WASTEWATER DISPOSAL FACILITY APPROVED BY ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY;
- (3) ~~SHALL USE~~ USE A FOOD GRADE HOSE AND AN ADEQUATE BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE TO MAINTAIN A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY; AND
- (4) DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH ITEMS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION BY QUARTERLY SUBMITTING A RECORD OF RECEIPTS TO THE ISSUER OF THE LICENSE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2012.