

By the Committee on Tourism and Representatives Melvin,
Culp and D. Prewitt

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public food service
3 establishments; amending s. 509.032, F.S.;
4 providing that certain rules adopted by the
5 Division of Hotels and Restaurants shall
6 provide alternative methods of achieving food
7 protection in certain rules related to cooking
8 and handling foods; providing an effective
9 date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
14 509.032, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to
15 read:

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509.032 Duties.--

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(2) INSPECTION OF PREMISES.--

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(d) The division shall adopt and enforce sanitation
19 rules consistent with law to ensure the protection of the
20 public from food-borne illness in those establishments
21 licensed under this chapter. These rules shall provide the
22 standards and requirements for obtaining, storing, preparing,
23 processing, serving, or displaying food in public food service
24 establishments, approving public food service establishment
25 facility plans, conducting necessary public food service
26 establishment inspections, cooperating and coordinating with
27 the Department of Health ~~and Rehabilitative Services~~ in
28 epidemiological investigations, and initiating enforcement
29 actions, and for other such responsibilities deemed necessary
30 by the division. The division shall include alternative
31 methods of achieving food protection in the rules related to

1 time and temperature combinations for cooking foods and in the
2 rules related to hand contact with foods. Such alternatives
3 shall achieve equivalent lethality, and minimized hand contact
4 with foods by the use of single-use gloves, suitable utensils,
5 or approved antibacterial soaps, dips, or hand sanitizers.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1997.
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