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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to catering services; amending
s. 509.241, F.S.; requiring catering services
to keep a portion of deposits in an escrow
account until 2 weeks before the event for
which they were received; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 509.241, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

509.241 Licenses required; exceptions.--

(3) DISPLAY OF LICENSE.--Any license issued by the
division shall be conspicuously displayed in the office or
lobby of the licensed establishment.

(4) CATERING SERVICES; LICENSE DISPLAY; ADVANCE
DEPOSITS.--

(a) Public food service establishments which offer
catering services shall display their license number on all
advertising for catering services.

(b) Public food service establishments or any other
persons who offer catering services must keep 50 percent of
all customer deposits in a separate escrow account until 2
weeks before the events for which the deposits were received.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

SENATE SUMMARY

Requires catering services to keep 50 percent of all
deposits in an escrow account until 2 weeks before the
event for which they were received.