

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2495

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An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-1118, which relates to sellers of food; creating licensing exemption for farmers markets; establishing certain conditions; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-1118, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-1118. A. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or maintain any establishment, stationary or otherwise, where food or drink is offered for sale, or sold, to the public, unless the person is the holder of a license issued for such purpose by the State Commissioner of Health.

B. Unless otherwise provided by rule by the State Board of Health, each such license shall expire on ~~the 30th day of~~ June 30 following its issuance. The Commissioner shall charge and collect for each such license an annual fee to be fixed by the State Board of Health. A license shall not be required of a nonprofit civic, charitable or religious organization, using nonpaid persons to prepare or serve food on its behalf, for occasional fund-raising events sponsored and conducted by the organization. The Commissioner shall provide guidelines for safeguarding the health of customers of such events. The Board may by rule provide that a license which is fee-exempt under rules adopted by the Board pursuant to subsection D of Section 1-106.1 of this title shall not

expire but shall remain in full force and effect until affirmatively revoked, suspended, annulled or withdrawn by the Commissioner in accordance with applicable law. The Board may by rule also provide that licenses for establishments serving events of limited duration or operating on a seasonal basis shall extend only for the term of the event or season, and may by rule adjust the fees for such licenses accordingly.

C. The State Board of Health shall promulgate reasonable standards and rules for sanitation of establishments required to be licensed, which shall include the following: buildings, vehicles, and appurtenances thereto, including plumbing, ventilation and lighting; construction, cleanliness and bactericidal treatment of equipment and utensils; cleanliness, wholesomeness, storage and refrigeration of food and drink sold or served; cleanliness and hygiene of personnel; toilet facilities; disposal of waste; water supply; and other items deemed necessary to safeguard the health, comfort, and safety of customers.

D. Day care centers or family day care centers, and all other child care facilities as defined and licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act shall not be deemed to be food service establishments.

E. Nursing facilities and specialized facilities, as defined in and licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Nursing Home Care Act and residential care homes as defined by the Residential Care Act shall not be deemed to be food service establishments.

F. A license shall not be required for any person or organization selling food as part of a community farmers' market that is certified by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry as part of the "Made in Oklahoma" or "Grown in Oklahoma" program, provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. The market is sponsored and operated by a local nonprofit organization as part of a community economic development or tourism program;

2. The market operates on a seasonal basis for a term not to exceed twelve (12) weeks per year; and

3. Signs are placed at all entrances to the market clearly stating that food sales at the market are not certified or approved by the State Department of Health.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2004.

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