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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

SB 1793 creates the Mobile Food Vendor Act, requiring mobile food vendors to be licensed by the State Department of Health. The measure defines mobile food vendor as any person who dispenses food or beverage from a food vending vehicle. The measure directs the license application to contain demographic and vehicle information. Within 30 days of receiving the application, the Department must conduct a health inspection. License fees may not exceed \$200 and licenses, valid for one year and may be revoked for certain causes. The Department is directed to maintain a statewide database of information related to mobile food vendors.

The measure sets out protocols for business transfers, license renewal, operations guidelines, and grievance processes for suspended or revoked licenses. Mobile food vendors must follow certain operating procedures, including displaying their license, providing a waste receptacle, and maintaining a food safety certification. Mobile food vendors are not required to obtain a food establishment license.

The Department is directed to classify mobile food vendors in three categories: Mobile Food Type I Vendor (prepackaged food), Mobile Food Type II Vendor (limited handling food), and Mobile Food Type III Vendor (fully prepared food). Type I vendors are to be inspected upon notification of complaint, Type II vendors are to be inspected once per year, and Type III vendors are to be inspected twice per year.

Lastly, local authorities are authorized to regulate mobile food vendors, including restricting hours of operation, developing a metered parking pass for vendors, and investigating complaints.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.

