

SENATE, No. 3973

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

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District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

SYNOPSIS

Requires DOH to establish Statewide standardized requirements for licensure and operation of mobile food vendors; designated as “Streamlined Food Truck Licensure Act.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning mobile food vendors and supplementing Title
2 24 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. The Commissioner of Health, pursuant to the
8 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
9 1 et seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations concerning the licensure
10 and operation of mobile food vendors.

11 b. A mobile food vendor license issued under the rules and
12 regulations established pursuant to this section shall be valid
13 throughout the State, and shall allow the licensee to operate without
14 the need for any additional licensure by any other authority.

15 c. Local and county authorities may, by ordinance, restrict the
16 location and hours of operation of mobile food vendors, provided
17 that such restrictions are consistent with the rules and regulations
18 established pursuant to this section.

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill requires the Commissioner of Health to adopt rules and
26 regulations concerning the licensure and operation of mobile food
27 vendors. A mobile food vendor license will be valid throughout the
28 State, and licensees will be permitted to operate without the need
29 for any additional licensure from any other authority. Local and
30 county authorities will be permitted to enact ordinances restricting
31 the location and hours of operation of mobile food vendors,
32 provided such restrictions are consistent with the rules and
33 regulations established under the bill.

34 Food trucks have become an increasingly popular dining option
35 both throughout New Jersey and nationwide, and it is the sponsor’s
36 intent to facilitate the licensure and operation of these mobile food
37 vendors by establishing standardized requirements applicable
38 throughout the State, thereby avoiding the need to navigate
39 potentially conflicting county and local requirements for operation
40 and eliminating the possible need to obtain separate licenses in
41 order to operate in more than one jurisdiction.