

HB 307 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL

307

AN ACT

relative to the food production area for homestead food.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Bixby, Straf. 13; Rep. J. Aron, Sull. 4; Rep. Aylward, Merr. 5; Rep. Comtois, Belk. 7; Rep. M. Murray, Hills. 37; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17

COMMITTEE:

Environment and Agriculture

ANALYSIS

This bill allows homestead food production in a food production area.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to the food production area for homestead food.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Homestead Food Operation; Definition. Amend RSA 143-A:12, I(a) to read as follows:

2 (a) "Homestead food operation" means a person who produces homestead food products,
3 excluding potentially hazardous food, only in the home kitchen of that person's primary residence in
4 New Hampshire ***or a food production area in the person's primary residence that has***
5 ***handwashing, equipment and food storage, food contact surfaces, general sanitation, and***
6 ***pet exclusion areas. As used in this subparagraph:***

7 (1) ***"Handwashing" means an area with access to a hand cleaning station***
8 ***with hot and cold running potable water, soap, and sanitary hand drying provisions.***

9 (2) ***"Equipment and food storage" means an area that allows for food,***
10 ***equipment, and utensils to be stored in a manner that prevents contamination.***

11 (3) ***"Food contact surfaces" means all food contact surfaces in an area able***
12 ***to be cleaned and sanitized.***

13 (4) ***"General sanitation" means an area maintained in a clean and sanitary***
14 ***condition, free from pests and environmental contaminants, whose floors, walls, and***
15 ***ceiling surfaces are durable, smooth and easily cleanable.***

16 (5) ***"Pet exclusion" means an area that allows for the exclusion of pets***
17 ***during food production.***

18 2 Homestead Food Production Area. Amend RSA 143-A:12, IV to read as follows:

19 IV. All homestead food products sold in packages from the home [~~kitchen,~~] ***or*** farm stand of
20 a homestead food operation, at farmers' markets, or at retail food stores shall have individual labels
21 on each package containing the following information: name, address, and phone number of the
22 homestead food operation; name of the homestead food product; the ingredients of the homestead
23 product, in descending order of predominance by weight; and allergy information. Products made by
24 homestead food operations exempt from licensure shall also be clearly labeled with the following
25 statement: "This product is exempt from New Hampshire licensing and inspection." Products made
26 by nonexempt homestead food operations shall also be clearly labeled with the following statement:
27 "This product is made in a residential [~~kitchen~~] ***food production area*** licensed by the New
28 Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services."

29 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.