

HB 505-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL

505-FN

AN ACT allowing the sale of freeze dried foods produced in homestead food operations.

SPONSORS: Rep. Schamberg, Merr. 6; Rep. J. Aron, Sull. 4

COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the licensing of homestead food operations processing and selling freeze dried foods.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 allowing the sale of freeze dried foods produced in homestead food operations.

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

1 1 Homestead Food; License Required. Amend RSA 143-A:12, IV to read as follows:

2 IV. ***Homestead food operations processing and selling freeze dried foods, from the***
3 ***homestead residence, at the owner's own farm stand, at farmers' markets, or at retail food***
4 ***stores shall be licensed under RSA 143-A:4. For the purposes of this section, freeze dried***
5 ***foods means fruits, vegetables, and commercially prepared dairy products.***

6 V. All homestead food products sold in packages from the home kitchen, farm stand of a
7 homestead food operation, at farmers' markets, or at retail food stores shall have individual labels on
8 each package containing the following information: name, address, and phone number of the
9 homestead food operation; name of the homestead food product; the ingredients of the homestead
10 product, in descending order of predominance by weight; and allergy information. Products made by
11 homestead food operations exempt from licensure shall also be clearly labeled with the following
12 statement: "This product is exempt from New Hampshire licensing and inspection." Products made
13 by nonexempt homestead food operations shall also be clearly labeled with the following statement:
14 "This product is made in a residential kitchen licensed by the New Hampshire Department of Health
15 and Human Services."

16 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 120 days after its passage.

HB 505-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT allowing the sale of freeze dried foods produced in homestead food operations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2025 through 2028.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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