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HOUSE BILL

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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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.(a) All homestead food products sold in packages from the home or farm stand of a
7 homestead food operation shall have one of the following individual labels on each package
8 containing the following information:

9 (1) Name, physical or e-mail address, and phone number of the homestead food
10 operation; name of the homestead food product; the ingredients of the homestead product, in
11 descending order of predominance by weight; and allergy information.

12 (2) Name, physical or e-mail address, and phone number of the homestead food
13 operation; name of the homestead food product; allergy information as established in rules; and a QR
14 code or website where the ingredients of the homestead product, in descending order of
15 predominance by weight, are listed and must be accompanied by a physical sign at the display
16 location where the ingredients of the homestead product, in descending order of predominance by
17 weight are listed.

18 (b) All homestead food products sold in packages from farmers' markets or to
19 restaurants or other retail food establishments, over the Internet, by mail order, or to wholesalers,
20 brokers, or other food distributors who will resell the homestead product shall have individual labels
21 on each package containing the following information: name, physical or e-mail address, and phone
22 number of the homestead food operation; name of the homestead food product; the ingredients of the
23 homestead product, in descending order of predominance by weight; and allergy information.

24 (c)(1) Products made by homestead food operations exempt from licensure shall also be
25 clearly labeled with the following statement: "This product is exempt from New Hampshire
26 licensing and inspection."

27 (2) Products made by nonexempt homestead food operations shall also be clearly
28 labeled with the following statement: "This product is made in a residential food production area
29 licensed by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services."

30 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:

Department of Health and Human Services