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House Bill 4620

By Delegate Foster

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Committee on Health and Human Resources]

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ARTICLE

A BILL to amend and reenact §16-2-16 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing the requirement that a local county health department issue a food handler permit or card; and providing that food handlers shall follow United States Food and Drug Administration regulations applicable to food-handling operations.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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§16-2-16.	Food	handler	examinations	and	cards.
A food handler shall not be required to obtain a permit or card issued pursuant to the					
procedures put in place by a local county health department shall be valid for at least one year but					
not longer than three years. The permit or card shall be valid in all counties of this state, if the					
applicant pays	an additional fe	e not to exceed	\$10. If required, a permi	t or card shall	be obtained
within thirty day	/s of a person b	eing hired in a ı	restaurant or other appli	cable food es	tablishment.
The Bureau fo	or Public Healt	h shall develop	minimum guidelines	for training p	rograms for
individuals see	king a food har	ndler permit or o	card that may be adopt	ed by local co	ounty health
departments. I	n lieu of state	guidelines a loc	cal health department r	nay use train	ing courses
developed by the American National Standards Institute or other nationally recognized entities for					
food safety training but shall abide by United States Food and Drug Administration regulations					
<u>applicable</u>	t	0	food-handling		operations.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to remove the requirement that a local county health department issue a food handler permit or card and to provide that food handlers must follow regulations issued by the United States Food and Drug Administration for food-handling operations.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.

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