



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 6728

House of Representatives, April 4, 2023

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY of the 133rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM AUDITS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Public
2 Health may conduct audits of local health department food protection
3 programs. Such audits may include, but need not be limited to,
4 interviews with local health department staff members and joint
5 inspections with local health department staff members of local food
6 establishments. Upon the conclusion of any such audit, the
7 Commissioner of Public Health shall provide the local director of health
8 with a report detailing such audit's findings and any recommended or
9 necessary corrective actions to be taken by such director.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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PH Joint Favorable

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which allows the Department of Public Health to conduct audits of municipal and district health departments' food protection programs, does not result in a fiscal impact to the State or municipalities.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Department of Public Health commissioner to conduct audits of local health department (i.e., municipal and district health department) food protection programs. The audits may include, but are not limited to, (1) interviews with local health department staff and (2) joint inspections of local food establishments with local health department staff.

After completing an audit, the bill requires the commissioner to give the local health director a report detailing the audit's findings and any recommended or necessary corrective actions the director must take.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 37 Nay 0 (03/20/2023)