

CHAPTER 2023-48

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 752

An act relating to temporary commercial kitchens; amending s. 509.101, F.S.; requiring operators of public food service establishments who provide commissary services to maintain a temporary commercial kitchen registry; requiring temporary commercial kitchen operators to display license numbers; amending s. 509.102, F.S.; defining the term “temporary commercial kitchen”; preempting regulation of temporary commercial kitchens to the state; authorizing mobile food dispensing vehicles and temporary commercial kitchens in specified locations to operate during certain hours; authorizing temporary commercial kitchens to be used in conjunction with licensed permanent food service establishments for specified purposes; authorizing such operation for specified timeframes; authorizing the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to grant extensions; requiring a temporary commercial kitchen to notify the division within a specified timeframe of commencing operation; providing construction; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 509.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

509.101 Establishment rules; posting of notice; food service inspection report; maintenance of guest register; mobile food dispensing vehicle registry.—

(3) It is the duty of each operator of a public food service establishment that provides commissary services to maintain a daily registry verifying that each mobile food dispensing vehicle or temporary commercial kitchen that receives such services is properly licensed by the division. In order that such licensure may be readily verified, each mobile food dispensing vehicle operator or temporary commercial kitchen operator shall permanently affix in a prominent place on the side of the vehicle or kitchen, in figures at least 2 inches high and in contrasting colors from the background, the operator’s public food service establishment license number. Prior to providing commissary services, each public food service establishment must verify that the license number displayed on the vehicle or kitchen matches the number on the vehicle or kitchen operator’s public food service establishment license.

Section 2. Present subsections (3) and (4) of section 509.102, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4) and (5), a new subsection (3) is added to that section, and subsections (1) and (2) and present subsection (3) of that section are amended, to read:

509.102 Mobile food dispensing vehicles; temporary commercial kitchens; preemption.—

(1)(a) As used in this section, the term “mobile food dispensing vehicle” means any vehicle that is a public food service establishment and that is self-propelled or otherwise movable from place to place and includes self-contained utilities, including, but not limited to, gas, water, electricity, or liquid waste disposal.

(b) As used in this section, the term “temporary commercial kitchen” means any kitchen that is a public food service establishment, used for the preparation of takeout or delivery-only meals housed in portable structures that are movable from place to place by a tow or are self-propelled or otherwise axle-mounted, that include self-contained utilities, including, but not limited to, gas, water, electricity, or liquid waste disposal. Such kitchens are subject to all provisions of this chapter except as may be provided herein. The term does not include a tent.

(2)(a) Regulation of mobile food dispensing vehicles, and temporary commercial kitchens, involving licenses, registrations, permits, and fees is preempted to the state. A municipality, county, or other local governmental entity may not require a separate license, registration, or permit other than the license required under s. 509.241, or require the payment of any license, registration, or permit fee other than the fee required under s. 509.251, as a condition for the operation of a mobile food dispensing vehicle or temporary commercial kitchen within the entity’s jurisdiction. A municipality, county, or other local governmental entity may not prohibit mobile food dispensing vehicles or temporary commercial kitchens from operating within the entirety of the entity’s jurisdiction.

(b) Any mobile food dispensing vehicle or temporary commercial kitchen that is operated on the same premises as and by a separately licensed public food service establishment may operate during the same hours of operation as the separately licensed public food service establishment that operates such mobile food dispensing vehicle or temporary commercial kitchen.

(3)(a) A temporary commercial kitchen may be used in conjunction with a permanent food service establishment licensed under this chapter for the purpose of supplementing the kitchen operations of the licensed permanent food service establishment. A temporary commercial kitchen may operate in this capacity as follows:

1. On the premises of the licensed permanent food service establishment for 60 consecutive days. Upon request of the operator of a temporary commercial kitchen, the division may grant one extension of up to 60 additional consecutive days.

2. During a period of renovation, repair, or rebuilding, on the premises of the licensed permanent food service establishment or off the premises within the line of sight of, and not to exceed 1,320 feet from, the licensed permanent

food service establishment for 120 consecutive days. The division may exercise discretion to grant an additional extension of time upon a reasonable and reliable demonstration by the licensed permanent food service establishment that additional time is needed to complete the renovation, repair, or rebuilding.

(b) If a permanent food service establishment licensed under this chapter, or the land upon which that establishment is sited, is rendered uninhabitable due to a natural disaster that is the subject of a declared state of emergency, a temporary commercial kitchen may operate on the premises of, or as near as reasonably practicable to, the location of the licensed permanent food service establishment. A temporary commercial kitchen may operate in this capacity only during the period of repair and rebuilding of the permanent establishment with which it is associated. The operators of a temporary commercial kitchen operating in this capacity must notify the division of the kitchen’s location and renew the notification every 90 days for the duration of its operation.

(c) Except as authorized under paragraphs (a) and (b), a temporary commercial kitchen may not operate in one location for longer than 30 consecutive days. The operators of a temporary commercial kitchen must notify the division within 48 hours after commencing operation in a location.

~~(4)~~⁽³⁾ This section may not be construed to affect a municipality, county, or other local governmental entity’s authority to regulate the operation of mobile food dispensing vehicles or temporary commercial kitchens other than the regulations described in subsection (2).

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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