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HOUSE BILL DRH30348-NN-60

Short Title: The FRESH Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Lowery.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER
SERVICES TO EXPAND THE HOME PROCESSOR PROGRAM TO INCLUDE
CERTAIN REFRIGERATED, FROZEN, AND PERISHABLE PRODUCTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Title. – This act shall be known and may be cited as "The Food Refrigeration Expansion for Safe Home-processing (FRESH) Act."

SECTION 2.(a) Program Expansion. – The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (hereinafter, the "Department") shall expand its Home Processor Program to authorize the production and sale by program participants of refrigerated or frozen food products, and bakery products with cream or cream cheese fillings, including cheesecakes.

SECTION 2.(b) Rulemaking. – The Department may adopt temporary rules necessary to implement subsection (a) of this section. Temporary rules adopted pursuant to this section shall remain in effect until permanent rules that replace the temporary rules become effective. The expanded Home Processor Program remains subject to applicable food safety laws and inspections under Article 12 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.



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