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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS.

Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

**Section 2** of the bill increases annual license fees for retail food establishments, phasing in the increase over the next 3 years, at minimum; creates a new fee category for retail food establishments that sell a limited range of specified foods; and limits the annual license fee exemption to certain specified entities. Section 2 also prohibits a county from spending the increased revenue from the fee increase on anything other than retail food health-related activities.

**Section 3** of the bill requires the department of public health and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

environment (CDPHE) to create a uniform system to communicate health inspection results to the public and sets limitations on the development of the uniform system.

**Section 4** requires CDPHE to attain certain targets, including significant statewide compliance with the federal food and drug administration's voluntary national retail food regulatory program standards. To reach these targets, the bill requires CDPHE to audit certain local public health agencies and requires local public health agencies to audit CDPHE in certain situations.

**Section 5** decreases the maximum period of suspension of a license or certificate of license from 6 months to one month, except in cases of closure due to an imminent health hazard. Section 5 also permits CDPHE and a county or district board of health to issue a cease-and-desist order if a person or licensee has been issued a civil penalty and remains in noncompliance.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-4-1606, **amend**  
3 (2) and (2.5) as follows:

4 **25-4-1606. Licensure - exception.** (2) Before granting any  
5 license or certificate of license, the department or a county or district  
6 board of health may ~~visit and inspect~~ CONDUCT AN INSPECTION OF the  
7 retail food establishment ~~or property on which the applicant conducts or~~  
8 ~~proposes to conduct business to assess whether the establishment can~~  
9 ~~operate in accordance~~ TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE with the rules  
10 promulgated by the department. ~~to provide a safe food product.~~ If ~~an~~ THE  
11 applicant ~~complies with the requirements of this subsection (2) and~~  
12 APPEARS TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH the rules ~~promulgated pursuant to~~  
13 AND WITH THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF this part 16, the department or  
14 a county or district board of health shall approve the application for a  
15 license or certificate of license.

16 (2.5) If a critical violation OR A NONCRITICAL VIOLATION THAT IS  
17 SIGNIFICANT IN NATURE is documented during ~~an~~ A PREOPERATIONAL

1 inspection, and the retail food establishment is unable to correct the  
2 violation while the inspector is on site, follow-up activities shall be  
3 conducted ~~If the retail food establishment is able to correct the critical~~  
4 ~~violation during the inspection, the critical violation and the resolution~~  
5 ~~demonstrating compliance shall be documented on the inspection report~~  
6 ~~form, with no follow-up inspection required. If more than one follow-up~~  
7 ~~inspection is needed to correct the same critical violation at any type of~~  
8 ~~retail food establishment, the department or a county or district board of~~  
9 ~~health may pursue the civil penalty process outlined in section 25-4-1611~~  
10 ~~for correction and to recover any associated costs.~~ FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
11 GRANTING A LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE OF LICENSE.

12 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-4-1607, **amend**  
13 (1) and (9) (a); and **add** (1.5), (13), and (14) as follows:

14 **25-4-1607. Fees - repeal.** (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN  
15 SUBPARAGRAPH (d.5) AND SUBSECTION (14) OF THIS SECTION (1),  
16 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE INCREASES SPECIFIED  
17 IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (1.5) OF THIS SECTION, each retail food  
18 establishment in this state shall be assessed an annual license fee ~~in~~  
19 ~~accordance with the following provisions~~ AS FOLLOWS:

20 (a) A retail food establishment preparing or serving food in  
21 individual portions for immediate on- or off-premises consumption shall  
22 be assessed an annual fee based on the following schedule:

23	<b>Seating Capacity</b>	<b>Fee</b>
24	0 to 100	<del>\$255</del> \$385
25	101 to 200	<del>285</del> 430
26	Over 200	<del>310</del> 465

27 (a.5) A RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LIMITED TO PREPARING OR

1 SERVING FOOD THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE TIME OR TEMPERATURE CONTROL  
 2 FOR SAFETY, PROVIDING SELF-SERVICE BEVERAGES, OFFERING  
 3 PREPACKAGED COMMERCIALY PREPARED FOOD AND BEVERAGES  
 4 REQUIRING TIME OR TEMPERATURE CONTROL, OR ONLY REHEATING  
 5 COMMERCIALY PREPARED FOODS THAT REQUIRE TIME OR TEMPERATURE  
 6 CONTROL FOR SAFETY FOR RETAIL SALE TO CONSUMERS SHALL BE  
 7 ASSESSED AN ANNUAL FEE OF TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS.

8 (b) A retail food establishment ONLY offering PREPACKAGED  
 9 COMMERCIALY PREPARED food AND BEVERAGES, INCLUDING THOSE THAT  
 10 ARE REQUIRED TO BE HELD AT REFRIGERATED OR FROZEN TIME OR  
 11 TEMPERATURE CONTROL FOR SAFETY for retail sale to consumers for  
 12 off-premises consumption, shall be assessed an annual fee based on the  
 13 following schedule:

14	<b>Square Footage</b>	<b>Fee</b>
15	Less than <del>3,500</del> 15,001	<del>\$115</del> \$195
16	<del>3,501 to</del> OVER 15,000	<del>180</del> 353
17	<del>15,001 to 25,000</del>	200
18	<del>25,001 to 45,000</del>	235
19	<del>45,001 to 65,000</del>	290
20	<del>65,001 to 85,000</del>	415
21	<del>over 85,000</del>	500

22 (c) A retail food establishment offering food for retail sale to  
 23 consumers for off-premises consumption and preparing or serving food  
 24 in individual portions for immediate consumption either on- or  
 25 off-premises shall be assessed an annual fee based on the following  
 26 schedule:

27	<b>Square Footage</b>	<b>Fee</b>
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1	Less than <del>3,500</del> 15,001	<del>\$207</del> \$375
2	<del>3,501 to</del> OVER 15,000	338 715
3	<del>15,001 to 25,000</del>	360
4	<del>25,001 to 45,000</del>	395
5	<del>45,001 to 65,000</del>	450
6	<del>65,001 to 85,000</del>	575
7	OVER 85,000	690

8 (c.5) (F) A retail food establishment offering food at a temporary  
9 living quarter for workers associated with oil and gas shall be assessed an  
10 ~~initial licensing~~ ANNUAL fee ~~based on the following schedule:~~ OF EIGHT  
11 HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS.

12	<b>Seating Capacity</b>	<b>Initial License Fee</b>
13	<del>0-50</del>	\$750
14	Over 50	1,250

15 (H) ~~Any future annual license fee or a change in location within~~  
16 ~~the calendar year of the same retail food establishment offering food at a~~  
17 ~~temporary living quarter for workers associated with oil and gas shall be~~  
18 ~~assessed a renewal fee based on the following schedule:~~

19	<b>Seating Capacity</b>	<b>Renewal License Fee</b>
20	<del>0-50</del>	\$275
21	Over 50	500

22 (d) A retail food establishment ~~shall be~~ IS subject to only one of  
23 the fees established in this subsection (1); EXCEPT THAT EFFECTIVE  
24 SEPTEMBER 1, 2016, THE LICENSE FEES ESTABLISHED FOR RETAIL FOOD  
25 ESTABLISHMENTS AT A SPECIAL EVENT, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 25-4-1602  
26 (16), MUST BE ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY OR DISTRICT PUBLIC HEALTH  
27 AGENCY.

1 (d.5) THE FEES ESTABLISHED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1) ARE  
2 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2018, FOR ANY NEW RETAIL FOOD  
3 ESTABLISHMENT THAT WAS NOT LICENSED AND IN OPERATION PRIOR TO  
4 THAT DATE.

5 (e) (I) Retail food establishment license fees shall be established  
6 pursuant to this subsection (1); except that the city and county of Denver  
7 may establish such fees by ordinance.

8 (II) Notwithstanding subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (e), the  
9 fees established in this subsection (1) or by ordinance of the city and  
10 county of Denver shall be the only annual license fees charged by the  
11 state or any county, district, local, or regional inspection authority and  
12 shall cover all inspections of a retail food establishment pursuant to this  
13 subsection (1) throughout an annual license period.

14 (1.5) (a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (VI) OF  
15 THIS PARAGRAPH (a) AND SUBSECTION (14) OF THIS SECTION, EFFECTIVE  
16 JANUARY 1, 2018, TO DECEMBER 31, 2018, EACH RETAIL FOOD  
17 ESTABLISHMENT IN THIS STATE SHALL BE ASSESSED AN ANNUAL LICENSE  
18 FEE AS FOLLOWS:

19 (I) A RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT PREPARING OR SERVING FOOD  
20 IN INDIVIDUAL PORTIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ON- OR OFF-PREMISES  
21 CONSUMPTION SHALL BE ASSESSED AN ANNUAL FEE BASED ON THE  
22 FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

23 SEATING CAPACITY	FEE
24 0 TO 100	\$360
25 101 TO 200	400
26 OVER 200	435

27 (II) A RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT PREPARING OR SERVING FOOD

1 THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE TIME OR TEMPERATURE CONTROL FOR SAFETY,  
2 PROVIDING SELF-SERVICE BEVERAGES, OFFERING PREPACKAGED  
3 COMMERCIALY PREPARED FOOD AND BEVERAGES REQUIRING TIME OR  
4 TEMPERATURE CONTROL OR ONLY REHEATING COMMERCIALY PREPARED  
5 FOODS THAT REQUIRE TIME OR TEMPERATURE CONTROL FOR SAFETY FOR  
6 RETAIL SALE TO CONSUMERS SHALL BE ASSESSED AN ANNUAL FEE OF TWO  
7 HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE DOLLARS.

8 (III) A RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT ONLY OFFERING  
9 PREPACKAGED COMMERCIALY PREPARED FOOD AND BEVERAGES,  
10 INCLUDING THOSE THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE HELD AT REFRIGERATED OR  
11 FROZEN TIME OR TEMPERATURE CONTROL FOR SAFETY FOR RETAIL SALE TO  
12 CONSUMERS FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SHALL BE ASSESSED AN  
13 ANNUAL FEE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

14	<b>SQUARE FOOTAGE</b>	<b>FEE</b>
15	LESS THAN 15,001	\$183
16	OVER 15,000	330

17 (IV) A RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT OFFERING FOOD FOR RETAIL  
18 SALE TO CONSUMERS FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION AND PREPARING OR  
19 SERVING FOOD IN INDIVIDUAL PORTIONS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSUMPTION  
20 EITHER ON- OR OFF-PREMISES SHALL BE ASSESSED AN ANNUAL FEE BASED  
21 ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

22	<b>SQUARE FOOTAGE</b>	<b>FEE</b>
23	LESS THAN 15,001	\$350
24	OVER 15,000	665

25 (V) A RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT OFFERING FOOD AT A  
26 TEMPORARY LIVING QUARTER FOR WORKERS ASSOCIATED WITH OIL AND  
27 GAS SHALL BE ASSESSED AN ANNUAL FEE OF EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS.

1 (VI) THE FEES ESTABLISHED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1) ARE  
2 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2017, FOR ANY NEW RETAIL FOOD  
3 ESTABLISHMENT THAT WAS NOT LICENSED AND IN OPERATION PRIOR TO  
4 THAT DATE.

5 (b) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (VI) OF THIS  
6 PARAGRAPH (b), EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017, TO DECEMBER 31, 2017,  
7 EACH RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT IN THIS STATE SHALL BE ASSESSED AN  
8 ANNUAL LICENSE FEE AS FOLLOWS:

9 (I) A RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT PREPARING OR SERVING FOOD  
10 IN INDIVIDUAL PORTIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ON- OR OFF-PREMISES  
11 CONSUMPTION SHALL BE ASSESSED AN ANNUAL FEE BASED ON THE  
12 FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

13 SEATING CAPACITY	FEE
14 0 TO 100	\$330
15 101 TO 200	370
16 OVER 200	405

17 (II) A RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LIMITED TO PREPARING OR  
18 SERVING FOOD THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE TIME OR TEMPERATURE CONTROL  
19 FOR SAFETY, PROVIDING SELF-SERVICE BEVERAGES, OFFERING  
20 PREPACKAGED COMMERCIALY PREPARED FOOD AND BEVERAGES  
21 REQUIRING TIME OR TEMPERATURE CONTROL OR ONLY REHEATING  
22 COMMERCIALY PREPARED FOODS THAT REQUIRE TIME OR TEMPERATURE  
23 CONTROL FOR SAFETY FOR RETAIL SALE TO CONSUMERS SHALL BE  
24 ASSESSED AN ANNUAL FEE OF TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS.

25 (III) A RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT ONLY OFFERING  
26 PREPACKAGED COMMERCIALY PREPARED FOOD AND BEVERAGES,  
27 INCLUDING THOSE THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE HELD AT REFRIGERATED OR



1 FROZEN TIME OR TEMPERATURE CONTROL FOR SAFETY FOR RETAIL SALE TO  
2 CONSUMERS FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SHALL BE ASSESSED AN  
3 ANNUAL FEE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

4	<b>SQUARE FOOTAGE</b>	<b>FEE</b>
5	LESS THAN 15,001	\$170
6	OVER 15,000	305

7 (IV) A RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT OFFERING FOOD FOR RETAIL  
8 SALE TO CONSUMERS FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION AND PREPARING OR  
9 SERVING FOOD IN INDIVIDUAL PORTIONS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSUMPTION  
10 EITHER ON- OR OFF-PREMISES SHALL BE ASSESSED AN ANNUAL FEE BASED  
11 ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

12	<b>SQUARE FOOTAGE</b>	<b>FEE</b>
13	LESS THAN 15,001	\$325
14	OVER 15,000	620

15 (V) A RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT OFFERING FOOD AT A  
16 TEMPORARY LIVING QUARTER FOR WORKERS ASSOCIATED WITH OIL AND  
17 GAS SHALL BE ASSESSED AN ANNUAL FEE OF SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY  
18 DOLLARS.

19 (VI) THE FEES ESTABLISHED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1) ARE  
20 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016, FOR ANY NEW RETAIL FOOD  
21 ESTABLISHMENT THAT WAS NOT LICENSED AND IN OPERATION PRIOR TO  
22 THAT DATE. THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (VI) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY  
23 1, 2017.

24 (c) A RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT IS SUBJECT TO ONLY ONE OF  
25 THE FEES ESTABLISHED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1.5) PER YEAR.

26 (d) RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE FEES SHALL BE  
27 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1.5); EXCEPT THAT THE

1 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER MAY ESTABLISH SUCH FEES BY ORDINANCE.

2 (9) (a) A certificate of license may be issued to and in the name  
3 and address of any:

4 (I) ~~Parochial, public, or private school~~ PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC  
5 SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE OR  
6 ANY PORTION THEREOF;

7 (II) Penal institution;

8 (III) ~~Charitable organization and benevolent, nonprofit retail food~~  
9 ~~establishment conducted for the purpose of assisting elderly,~~  
10 ~~incapacitated, or disadvantaged persons~~ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT  
11 PROVIDES FOOD SOLELY TO PEOPLE WHO ARE FOOD INSECURE, INCLUDING,  
12 BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A SOUP KITCHEN, FOOD PANTRY, OR HOME DELIVERY  
13 SERVICE; and

14 (IV) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY OR nonprofit ~~or charitable~~  
15 organization that donates, prepares, OR sells ~~or serves~~ food ~~in conjunction~~  
16 ~~with an event or celebration if such donation, preparation, sale, or service~~  
17 ~~of food~~: AT A SPECIAL EVENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A SCHOOL  
18 SPORTING EVENT, FIREFIGHTERS' PICNIC, OR CHURCH SUPPER, THAT TAKES  
19 PLACE IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY OR  
20 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION RESIDES OR IS PRINCIPALLY LOCATED.

21 ~~(A) Does not exceed the duration of the event or celebration or~~  
22 ~~a maximum of fifty-two days within a calendar year; and~~

23 ~~(B) Takes place in the county in which such nonprofit or~~  
24 ~~charitable organization resides or is principally located.~~

25 (13) **Legislative declaration - disposition of fee revenue.**

26 (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOES NOT INTEND FOR THE FEES PAID BY  
27 RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AS OUTLINED IN SUBSECTIONS (1) AND

1 (1.5) OF THIS SECTION TO SUBSIDIZE INSPECTION OR OTHER COSTS  
2 ASSOCIATED WITH ENTITIES EXEMPT FROM FEES UNDER PARAGRAPH (a) OF  
3 SUBSECTION (9) OF THIS SECTION.

4 (b) COUNTIES MAY ONLY SPEND THE INCREASED REVENUE FROM  
5 THE INCREASE OF RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT FEES ON RETAIL FOOD  
6 HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES. SUPPLANTING FUNDS FOR OTHER COUNTY  
7 PROGRAMS IS PROHIBITED.

8 (14) (a) THE FEE INCREASE IN SUBSECTION (1.5) OF THIS SECTION  
9 DOES NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT AND ALL LOCAL PUBLIC  
10 HEALTH AGENCIES CONTRACTED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO PERFORM  
11 INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCE REGULATIONS REGARDING RETAIL FOOD  
12 ESTABLISHMENTS PROVE COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 25-4-1607.7 (2). IF  
13 THE DEPARTMENT AND ALL LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES ARE NOT IN  
14 COMPLIANCE ON JANUARY 1, 2018, THE INCREASE DOES NOT TAKE EFFECT  
15 UNTIL JANUARY 1 IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING PROVEN COMPLIANCE.

16 (b) THE FEE INCREASE IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION DOES  
17 NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT PROVES COMPLIANCE WITH  
18 SECTION 25-4-1607.9 (1). IF THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE ON  
19 JANUARY 1 FOLLOWING THE FEE INCREASE SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1.5)  
20 OF THIS SECTION, THE INCREASE IN SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT TAKE EFFECT  
21 UNTIL JANUARY 1 IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING PROVEN COMPLIANCE.

22 (c) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE  
23 REVISOR OF STATUTES, IN WRITING, WHEN THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN  
24 PARAGRAPHS (a) AND (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (14) HAVE BEEN SATISFIED.

25 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-4-1607.7 as  
26 follows:

27 **25-4-1607.7. Health inspection results - development of a**

1 **uniform system - communication to the public.** (1) ON OR BEFORE  
2 JANUARY 1, 2017, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SOLICIT INPUT FROM RETAIL  
3 FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, CONTRACTED LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES,  
4 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND OTHERS WITH A VESTED INTEREST IN THE  
5 RETAIL FOOD INSPECTION PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM SYSTEM TO  
6 COMMUNICATE HEALTH INSPECTION RESULTS TO THE PUBLIC. THE  
7 UNIFORM SYSTEM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST  
8 PROVIDE MEANINGFUL AND REASONABLY DETAILED INFORMATION TO THE  
9 PUBLIC AND MUST NOT SUMMARIZE THE RESULTS OF THE INSPECTION WITH  
10 A LETTER, NUMBER, OR SYMBOL GRADING SYSTEM, OR A SIMILAR,  
11 OVERSIMPLIFIED METHOD OF QUANTIFYING RESULTS.

12 (2) AFTER JULY 1, 2017, THE DEPARTMENT OR A LOCAL PUBLIC  
13 HEALTH AGENCIES CONTRACTED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO PERFORM  
14 INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCE REGULATIONS REGARDING RETAIL FOOD  
15 ESTABLISHMENTS SHALL ONLY UTILIZE THE SYSTEM DEVELOPED AND  
16 APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO COMMUNICATE INSPECTION RESULTS.

17 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 25-4-1607.9** as  
18 follows:

19 **25-4-1607.9. Department targets - audits - reporting.** (1) ON  
20 OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2017, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RESPOND TO ALL  
21 PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND HACCP PLAN REVIEWS WITHIN  
22 FOURTEEN WORKING DAYS AFTER RECEIPT, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION  
23 25-4-1605 (4).

24 (2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2019, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
25 ENSURE SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL FOOD  
26 AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION'S VOLUNTARY NATIONAL RETAIL FOOD  
27 REGULATORY PROGRAM STANDARDS BY VERIFYING THAT:

1 (a) AT LEAST SEVENTY PERCENT OF COLORADO'S RETAIL FOOD  
2 PROGRAM STAFF MEET THE NATIONAL CRITERIA FOR APPROPRIATE  
3 TRAINING AND EDUCATION TO ADEQUATELY PERFORM REQUIRED  
4 INSPECTIONS; AND

5 (b) AT LEAST SEVENTY PERCENT OF COLORADO'S RETAIL FOOD  
6 PROGRAM STAFF MEET THE NATIONAL CRITERIA REGARDING THE FOCUS OF  
7 INSPECTIONS ON CRITICAL ITEM RISK FACTORS, THE CORRECTION OF  
8 DOCUMENTED DEFICIENCIES, AND THE FOCUS OF INSPECTIONS ON THE  
9 HIGHEST-RISK ESTABLISHMENTS.

10 (c) TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION:

11 (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AUDIT ANY LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH  
12 AGENCY THAT CONDUCTS INSPECTIONS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION; AND

13 (II) LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES SHALL AUDIT THE  
14 DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE JURISDICTIONS WHERE THE DEPARTMENT  
15 CONDUCTS INSPECTIONS.

16 (d) THE RESULTS OF THE AUDITS CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO  
17 PARAGRAPH (c) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2) MUST BE DOCUMENTED AND  
18 REPORTED DURING EACH STAKEHOLDER PROCESS HELD PURSUANT TO  
19 SECTION 25-4-1607.5.

20 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-4-1609, **amend**  
21 (1) and (2); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

22 **25-4-1609. Disciplinary actions - closure - revocation -**  
23 **suspension - review.** (1) The department or a county or district board of  
24 health may, on its own motion or complaint and after an investigation and  
25 hearing at which the licensee is afforded an opportunity to be heard,  
26 suspend or revoke a license or certificate of license for any violation of  
27 this part 16, any rule adopted pursuant to this part 16, or any of the terms,

1 conditions, or provisions of such license or certificate of license. A  
2 written notice of suspension or revocation, as well as any required notice  
3 of hearing, shall be sent TO THE LICENSEE by certified mail, ~~to the licensee~~  
4 OR BY ONE OR MORE OTHER METHODS THAT ASSURE RECEIPT, at the  
5 address contained in the license or certificate of license.

6 (2) Except in cases of closure due to an imminent health hazard,  
7 proceedings for the revocation or suspension of a license or certificate of  
8 license may not be commenced until after the imposition of the penalties  
9 prescribed by section 25-4-1611. The maximum period of suspension is  
10 ~~six months~~ ONE MONTH. When a license or certificate of license is  
11 suspended or revoked, no part of the fees paid for a license may be  
12 returned to the licensee.

13 (2.5) THE DEPARTMENT OR A COUNTY OR DISTRICT BOARD OF  
14 HEALTH MAY ISSUE A CEASE-AND-DESIST ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER IF A  
15 PERSON OR LICENSEE HAS BEEN ISSUED A CIVIL PENALTY IN ACCORDANCE  
16 WITH SECTION 25-4-1611 (1) AND REMAINS IN NONCOMPLIANCE.

17 **SECTION 6. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
18 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
19 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
20 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a  
21 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
22 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
23 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
24 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
25 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
26 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.