



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2212

PRINTERS NO. 2577

PRIME SPONSOR: Wentling

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 2212, Printer's Number 2577, repeals the Frozen Dessert Law.

ANALYSIS: This bill repeals the Frozen Dessert Law (Act 215 of 1965), which provides for regulation and licensure of the manufacture and sale of frozen desserts and uniformity of standards between other states and the federal government. Various license and registration fees were authorized under the Frozen Dessert Law and the Administrative Code (Act 175 of 1929).

This legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Repealing the Frozen Dessert Law could result in a loss of up to \$168,000 in fee revenue by eliminating the \$35 annual fee applied to approximately 4,800 regulated frozen dessert facilities. The Department of Agriculture supports the repeal because the testing and licensing requirements under the law are duplicative with the passage of recent federal and state food safety laws addressing retail and manufacturing food facilities. Therefore, the department anticipates cost savings will result by not having to maintain the program.

Also, retail food facilities already pay annual license and inspection fees under 3 PACS Chapter 57 (Food Protection), such as \$82 for an annual license renewal. Reducing the duplicative testing and inspection requirements as proposed in the bill will provide savings by eliminating monthly testing costs for retail food facilities and administrative work and testing verification costs for agency staff. This is especially significant in local and county health department jurisdictions that have retail authority oversight and would allow agency inspectors to focus elsewhere.

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