
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1692 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, KULIK, HELM AND NEILSON, JUNE 24, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
JUNE 24, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in food protection, further providing for retail
3 food facility and employee cleanliness.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 5710 of Title 3 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5710. Retail food facility and employee cleanliness.

9 (a) General rule.--All retail food facilities, kitchens,
10 dining rooms and all places where foods are prepared, kept or
11 stored shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and be
12 protected from dust, dirt, insects and vermin in the manner
13 prescribed by the regulations of the department. The clothing
14 and hands of employees shall at all times be clean and sanitary.
15 Except when washing fruits and vegetables or when approved by
16 the department, food employees may not contact exposed, ready-
17 to-eat food with their bare hands and shall use suitable
18 utensils such as deli tissue, spatulas, tongs, single-use gloves

1 or dispensing equipment. No domestic pets or other animals shall
2 be permitted where food or drink is prepared, handled or stored
3 unless specifically permitted or required under the Americans
4 with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336, 104 Stat.
5 327) or other Federal or State law. No person shall be permitted
6 to use for living or sleeping purposes any room or place in any
7 retail food facility which is regularly and customarily used for
8 the preparation, handling, storing or serving of food.

9 (b) Required notice.--The following notice shall be posted
10 conspicuously in all areas where food is prepared, including
11 where beverages are served with cut fruits or vegetables:

12 REMINDER - ABSOLUTELY NO BARE-HAND CONTACT WITH READY-TO-
13 EAT FOOD, INCLUDING THE CUTTING AND SERVING OF FRUITS AND
14 VEGETABLES FOR SALADS, DRINKS AND GARNISHES AND ALL ITEMS
15 SERVED IN EDIBLE CONTAINERS. USE APPROPRIATE UTENSILS,
16 GLOVES OR DELI TISSUE. FOOD SERVERS SHALL NOT HANDLE
17 MONEY WHILE USING GLOVES.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.