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By Senators Deccio, Wojahn, Wood and Fairley; by request of Department of Health

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1 AN ACT Relating to food and beverage service worker permits;
2 amending RCW 69.06.010, 69.06.030, and 69.06.050; adding a new section
3 to chapter 69.06 RCW; and providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.06.010 and 1987 c 223 s 5 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 It shall be unlawful for any person to be employed in the handling
8 of unwrapped or unpackaged food unless he or she shall furnish and
9 place on file with the person in charge of such establishment, a food
10 and beverage service worker's permit, as prescribed by the state board
11 of health. Such permit shall be kept on file by the employer or kept
12 by the employee on his or her person and open for inspection at all
13 reasonable hours by authorized public health officials. Such permit
14 shall be returned to the employee upon termination of employment.
15 Initial permits, including limited duty permits, shall be valid for two
16 years from the date of issuance. Subsequent renewal permits shall be
17 valid for ~~((five))~~ two years from the date of issuance, except an
18 employee may be granted a renewal permit that is valid for five years
19 from the date of issuance if the employee demonstrates that he or she

1 has obtained additional food safety training prior to renewal of the
2 permit. Rules establishing minimum training requirements must be
3 adopted by the state board of health and developed by the department of
4 health in conjunction with local health jurisdictions and
5 representatives of the food service industry.

6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 69.06 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 The local health officer may issue a limited duty permit when
9 necessary to reasonably accommodate a person with a disability. The
10 limited duty permit must specify the activities that the permit holder
11 may perform, and must include only activities having low public health
12 risk.

13 Sec. 3. RCW 69.06.030 and 1957 c 197 s 3 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 It shall be unlawful for any person afflicted with any contagious
16 or infectious disease that may be transmitted by food or beverage to
17 work in or about any place where unwrapped or unpackaged food and/or
18 beverage products are prepared or sold, or offered for sale for human
19 consumption and it shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to employ
20 a person so afflicted. Nothing in this section eliminates any
21 authority or requirement to control or suppress communicable diseases
22 pursuant to chapter 70.05 RCW and RCW 43.20.050(2)(e).

23 Sec. 4. RCW 69.06.050 and 1957 c 197 s 5 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 Individuals under this chapter (~~shall have thirty days from~~
26 ~~commencement of employment to secure health permits~~) must obtain a
27 food and beverage service workers' permit within fourteen days from
28 commencement of employment. Individuals under this chapter may work
29 for up to fourteen calendar days without a food and beverage service
30 workers' permit, provided that they receive information or training
31 regarding safe food handling practices from the employer prior to
32 commencement of employment. Documentation that the information or
33 training has been provided to the individual must be kept on file by
34 the employer.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Section 1 of this act takes effect July 1,
2 1998.

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