

HOUSE BILL 771

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF SB 262

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Mobile Food Service Facilities – Licensing and Inspection by**
3 **County Health Departments**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a county health department to issue a mobile reciprocity
5 license to a certain mobile food service facility; authorizing a county health
6 department to charge a certain fee for a mobile reciprocity license; providing that a
7 mobile reciprocity license is valid for a certain period of time; prohibiting a county,
8 under certain circumstances, from requiring that a mobile food service facility be
9 inspected before a county health department issues a mobile reciprocity license;
10 authorizing a county health department that issued a mobile reciprocity license to
11 inspect the mobile food service facility while the mobile food service facility is
12 operating in the county; requiring a mobile food service facility that is issued a mobile
13 reciprocity license to comply with all applicable State and local laws and regulations;
14 authorizing a county health department to take certain enforcement action against
15 a certain mobile food service facility; requiring a county health department, under
16 certain circumstances, to notify the county of origin of certain action taken; providing
17 for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency
18 measure; and generally relating to the licensing and inspection of mobile food service
19 facilities by county health departments.

20 BY adding to
21 Article – Health – General
22 Section 21–304(f)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

21–304.

**(F) (1) (I) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
MEANINGS INDICATED.**

**(II) “BASE OF OPERATIONS” MEANS A LOCATION USED BY THE
OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITY THAT PROVIDES:**

**1. A SOURCE OF POTABLE WATER, POTABLE WATER
HOSES, AND CLEAN CONNECTIONS;**

2. A METHOD FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE;

**3. CLEAN, ADEQUATE, AND COVERED TRASH
RECEPTACLES;**

**4. IF NECESSARY, REFRIGERATED AND DRY FOOD
STORAGE AREAS;**

**5. A STORAGE AREA FOR SINGLE–SERVE FOOD ITEMS;
AND**

6. IF NECESSARY, A UTENSIL WASHING FACILITY.

**(III) “COUNTY OF ORIGIN” MEANS THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE
BASE OF OPERATIONS OF A MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITY IS LOCATED.**

**(IV) “MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITY” MEANS A FOOD SERVICE
FACILITY THAT:**

**1. IS A VEHICLE MECHANICALLY, ELECTRICALLY,
MANUALLY, OR OTHERWISE PROPELLED;**

2. OPERATES ON LAND OR WATER; AND

**3. CHANGES ITS LOCATION AS PART OF ITS ROUTINE
SALES OPERATION.**

1 **(V) “MOBILE RECIPROCITY LICENSE” MEANS A LICENSE**
2 **ISSUED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

3 **(2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A MOBILE FOOD SERVICE**
4 **FACILITY THAT OPERATES SOLELY UNDER A TEMPORARY FOOD SERVICE LICENSE IN**
5 **CONJUNCTION WITH FAIRS, CARNIVALS, OR SIMILAR EVENTS.**

6 **(3) A COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A MOBILE**
7 **RECIPROCITY LICENSE TO A MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITY THAT:**

8 **(I) IS OPERATING IN THE COUNTY;**

9 **(II) IS OPERATING WITHIN 90 MILES OF ITS BASE OF**
10 **OPERATIONS; AND**

11 **(III) HOLDS A VALID LICENSE FROM THE COUNTY OF ORIGIN.**

12 **(4) A COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR A**
13 **MOBILE RECIPROCITY LICENSE IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$300.**

14 **(5) A MOBILE RECIPROCITY LICENSE IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF 1**
15 **YEAR.**

16 **(6) IF A MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITY HAS BEEN INSPECTED BY**
17 **THE COUNTY OF ORIGIN, A COUNTY MAY NOT REQUIRE THAT THE MOBILE FOOD**
18 **SERVICE FACILITY BE INSPECTED BEFORE A COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ISSUES**
19 **A MOBILE RECIPROCITY LICENSE.**

20 **(7) A COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT THAT ISSUED A MOBILE**
21 **RECIPROCITY LICENSE MAY INSPECT THE MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITY WHILE**
22 **THE MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITY IS OPERATING IN THE COUNTY.**

23 **(8) A MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITY THAT IS ISSUED A MOBILE**
24 **RECIPROCITY LICENSE SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND LOCAL**
25 **LAWS AND REGULATIONS.**

26 **(9) (I) A COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MAY TAKE ENFORCEMENT**
27 **ACTION, INCLUDING THE LEVY OF FINES, AGAINST A MOBILE FOOD SERVICE**
28 **FACILITY THAT VIOLATES THIS SUBTITLE OR ANY REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER**
29 **THIS SUBTITLE OR ANY APPLICABLE LOCAL LAWS OR REGULATIONS.**

1 **(II) IF A COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TAKES ENFORCEMENT**
2 **ACTION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COUNTY HEALTH**
3 **DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE COUNTY OF ORIGIN OF THE ACTION TAKEN.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
5 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
6 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
7 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
8 enacted.