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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FOOD INSPECTORS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-36j of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

3 (a) [On and after January 1, 2023, no] No person shall engage in the
4 practice of a food inspector unless such person has obtained a
5 certification from the commissioner in accordance with the provisions
6 of this section. The commissioner shall develop a training and
7 verification program for food inspector certification that shall be
8 administered by the food inspection training officer at a local health
9 department.

10 (1) Each person seeking certification as a food inspector shall submit
11 an application to the department on a form prescribed by the
12 commissioner and present to the department satisfactory evidence that
13 such person (A) [is sponsored by the director of health in the
14 jurisdiction in which the applicant is employed to conduct food
15 inspections, (B)] possesses a bachelor's degree or three years of

16 experience in a regulatory food protection program, ~~[(C)]~~ (B) has
17 successfully completed a training and verification program [, (D)]
18 prescribed by the commissioner, and (C) has successfully completed
19 the field standardization inspection prescribed by the commissioner. [,
20 and (E) is not involved in the ownership or management of a food
21 establishment located in the applicant's jurisdiction.

22 (2) Each director of health sponsoring an applicant for certification
23 as a food inspector shall submit to the commissioner a form
24 documenting the applicant's qualifications and successful completion
25 of the requirements described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.]

26 ~~[(3)]~~ (2) Certifications issued under this section shall be subject to
27 renewal once every three years. A food inspector applying for renewal
28 of his or her certification shall demonstrate successful completion of
29 twenty contact hours in food protection training, as approved by the
30 commissioner, and reassessment by the food inspection training
31 officer.

32 (b) No person shall be employed as a certified food inspector if such
33 person, such person's immediate family, as defined in section 1-79, or a
34 business with which such person is associated, as described in
35 subdivision (2) of section 1-79, (1) has any financial or ownership
36 interest in a food establishment located in the jurisdiction in which
37 such person is employed as a food inspector, (2) engages in any
38 business, employment or management of a food establishment located
39 in such jurisdiction, or (3) owns the property on which a food
40 establishment is located in such jurisdiction.

41 (c) Each director of health employing a food inspector shall certify,
42 on a form prescribed by the commissioner, that such food inspector is
43 not prohibited from employment as a food inspector pursuant to the
44 provisions of subsection (b) of this section.

45 ~~[(b)]~~ (d) A certified food inspector shall conduct an inspection of a
46 food establishment in a form and manner prescribed by the

47 commissioner to determine compliance with the food code. The
48 director of health shall ensure all food establishments are inspected at
49 a frequency determined by their risk classification. Such director of
50 health shall evaluate the food establishment's risk classification on an
51 annual basis to determine accuracy. More frequent inspections may be
52 conducted to ensure compliance with the food code. Each food
53 establishment classification shall be inspected pursuant to the
54 following schedule:

55 (1) Class 1 food establishments shall be inspected at intervals not to
56 exceed three hundred sixty days.

57 (2) Class 2 food establishments shall be inspected at intervals not to
58 exceed one hundred eighty days.

59 (3) Class 3 food establishments shall be inspected at intervals not to
60 exceed one hundred twenty days.

61 (4) Class 4 food establishments shall be inspected at intervals not to
62 exceed ninety days.

63 (5) Temporary food service establishments shall be inspected prior
64 to the issuance of a permit to operate and as often as necessary to
65 ensure compliance with the food code.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2024	19a-36j

PH *Joint Favorable*