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## Act No. 42 (H.401). An act relating to exemptions for food manufacturing establishments

## Subjects: Health; exemptions; licensing fees; food manufacturing establishments

This act creates a new category of food manufacturing establishments, cottage food operations, which refers to the home kitchen or auxiliary kitchen on a person's private property where cottage food products are produced. This act further defines "cottage food products" to mean items sold by a cottage food operator that do not require refrigeration or time or temperature controls for safety. It exempts cottage food operations with annual gross receipts of \$30,000.00 or less from the existing requirement to obtain a license and pay a licensure fee. This act continues to require food manufacturing establishments otherwise exempt from the licensure and licensing fee requirements to submit a licensing exemption filing with the additional requirement that as part of the licensing exemption filing a food service establishment attest to completion of training required by the Department of Health in rule.

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