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2 An act relating to exemptions for food manufacturing establishments

3 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

4 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

5 It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

6 (1) Vermont enhance its food resiliency through increased supply and  
7 distribution of locally produced food products;

8 (2) Vermonters have more access to the local food marketplace as both  
9 producers and consumers;

10 (3) local food producers are able to meet the demand for Vermont-made  
11 food products from visitors to the State;

12 (4) small-scale food producers, new business start-ups, and sole  
13 proprietors benefit from raising the limit of the existing licensing exemption  
14 for at-home bakery products to adjust for inflationary cost changes occurring  
15 since the initial statutory enactment; and

16 (5) supply-chain costs and inflationary considerations be addressed to  
17 bring risk management thresholds more in line with the economic conditions at  
18 the time of initial statutory enactment.

## § 4353. FEES

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(A) Food manufacturing establishments; nonbakeries

**II I** — Gross receipts of over ~~\$50,000.00~~ \$30,000.00;

II — Nonhome-operated food service establishment

\$175.00

with gross receipts of ~~\$10,000.00~~ \$30,000.00 or less

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(B) Food manufacturing establishment; bakeries

I — Home bakery with gross receipts over \$30,000.00;

\$100.00

II — Small commercial; \$200.00

III — Large commercial; \$350.00

IV — Nonhome-operated bakery with gross receipts of

\$30,000.00 or less; \$50.00

V — Home-operated bakery with gross receipts of

\$30,000.00 or less are exempt pursuant to section

4358 of this title

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Sec. 3. 18 V.S.A. § 4358 is amended to read:

§ 4358. EXEMPTIONS

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(b) ~~The provisions of licensure requirements and related licensure fees in~~  
this subchapter shall not apply to ~~an individual manufacturing and selling~~  
~~bakery products from his or her own home kitchen~~ a food manufacturing  
establishment operating from a home kitchen whose average gross retail sales  
~~do not exceed \$125.00 per week~~ are less than or equal to \$30,000.00 per year.

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1      Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

2      This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.