

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry to which was
3 referred House Bill No. 401 entitled “An act relating to exemptions for food
4 manufacturing establishments” respectfully reports that it has considered the
5 same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the
6 enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

8 It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 (B) Food manufacturing establishment; bakeries
- 2 I — Home bakery with gross receipts over \$30,000.00;
- 3 \$100.00
- 4 II — Small commercial; \$200.00
- 5 III — Large commercial; \$350.00
- 6 IV — Nonhome-operated bakery with gross receipts of
- 7 \$30,000.00 or less; \$50.00
- 8 V — Home-operated bakery with gross receipts of
- 9 \$30,000.00 or less are exempt pursuant to section
- 10 4358 of this title

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

13 § 4358. EXEMPTIONS

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15 (b) The ~~provisions of~~ licensure requirements and related licensure fees in

16 this subchapter shall not apply to an individual manufacturing and selling

17 bakery products from his or her own home kitchen a food manufacturing

18 establishment operating from a home kitchen whose average gross retail sales

19 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.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE