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HOUSE BILL 2639

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By Representatives Buys, Peterson, Stokesbary, Graves, Stambaugh, Bergquist, Vick, Walsh, Volz, Shea, Blake, and Young

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1 AN ACT Relating to exempting certain mobile food units from state  
2 and local regulations pertaining to commissaries or servicing areas;  
3 and adding a new section to chapter 43.20 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the  
8 following meanings:

9 (a) "Commissary" means an approved food establishment where food  
10 is stored, prepared, portioned, or packaged for service elsewhere.

11 (b) "Mobile food unit" means a readily movable food  
12 establishment.

13 (c) "Servicing area" means an operating base location to which  
14 a mobile food unit or transportation vehicle returns regularly for  
15 such things as vehicle and equipment cleaning, discharging liquid or  
16 solid wastes, refilling water tanks and ice bins, and boarding food.

17 (2) A permit holder operating a mobile food unit is exempt from  
18 any state board or local health jurisdiction requirement to operate  
19 from an approved commissary or servicing area if:

20 (a) The mobile food unit contains all equipment and utensils  
21 needed for complete onboard preparation of an approved menu;

1           (b) The mobile food unit is protected from environmental  
2 contamination when not in use;

3           (c) The mobile food unit can maintain required food storage  
4 temperatures during storage, preparation, service, and transit;

5           (d) The mobile food unit has a dedicated handwashing sink to  
6 allow frequent handwashing at all times;

7           (e) The mobile food unit has adequate water capacity and  
8 warewashing facilities to clean all multiuse utensils used on the  
9 mobile unit at a frequency specified in state board of health rules;

10          (f) The mobile food unit is able to store tools onboard needed  
11 for cleaning and sanitizing;

12          (g) All food, water, and ice used on the mobile food unit is  
13 prepared onboard or otherwise obtained from approved sources; and

14          (h) Wastewater and garbage will be sanitarily removed from the  
15 mobile food unit following an approved written plan or by a licensed  
16 service provider.

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