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**HB 1302—FOOD SERVICE FACILITY –RETAILERS OF PREPACKAGED AND PRE-INSPECTED GOODS-EXCLUSION**

**Summary**

HB1302 excludes retail businesses engaged in selling prepackaged and pre-inspected goods from the definition of “food service facility,” which exempts such establishments from licensing and other regulatory standards for food establishments.

**Background**

Some businesses, that are primarily retail in nature, are in the practice of only selling packaged and inspected foods. Some of these activities have been identified as triggering the requirement for a food service license.

Retail businesses not the in the practice of preparing food, have no legitimate reason to invest in infrastructure to satisfy the food service license requirements. It is costly and unnecessary.

**Rationale**

Businesses that only sell packaged goods and pre-inspected goods are not food service facilities because they do not prepare food. In order to sell packaged goods, these businesses should not be required to meet the standards for a business that prepares food.

**Conclusion**

We respectfully request a **favorable report of HB1302** from the Committee and thank you for considering this important legislation.