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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-136, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH SERVICES.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 36-136, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 36-136. Powers and duties of director; compensation of
5 personnel

6 A. The director shall:

7 1. Be the executive officer of the department of health services and
8 the state registrar of vital statistics but shall not receive compensation
9 for services as registrar.

10 2. Perform all duties necessary to carry out the functions and
11 responsibilities of the department.

12 3. Prescribe the organization of the department. The director shall
13 appoint or remove personnel as necessary for the efficient work of the
14 department and shall prescribe the duties of all personnel. The director may
15 abolish any office or position in the department that the director believes
16 is unnecessary.

17 4. Administer and enforce the laws relating to health and sanitation
18 and the rules of the department.

19 5. Provide for the examination of any premises if the director has
20 reasonable cause to believe that on the premises there exists a violation of
21 any health law or rule of the state.

22 6. Exercise general supervision over all matters relating to
23 sanitation and health throughout the state. When in the opinion of the
24 director it is necessary or advisable, a sanitary survey of the whole or of
25 any part of the state shall be made. The director may enter, examine and
26 survey any source and means of water supply, sewage disposal plant, sewerage
27 system, prison, public or private place of detention, asylum, hospital,
28 school, public building, private institution, factory, workshop, tenement,
29 public washroom, public restroom, public toilet and toilet facility, public
30 eating room and restaurant, dairy, milk plant or food manufacturing or
31 processing plant, and any premises in which the director has reason to
32 believe there exists a violation of any health law or rule of the state that
33 the director has the duty to administer.

34 7. Prepare sanitary and public health rules.

35 8. Perform other duties prescribed by law.

36 B. If the director has reasonable cause to believe that there exists a
37 violation of any health law or rule of the state, the director may inspect
38 any person or property in transportation through the state, and any car,
39 boat, train, trailer, airplane or other vehicle in which that person or
40 property is transported, and may enforce detention or disinfection as
41 reasonably necessary for the public health if there exists a violation of any
42 health law or rule.

43 C. The director may deputize, in writing, any qualified officer or
44 employee in the department to do or perform on the director's behalf any act

1 the director is by law empowered to do or charged with the responsibility of
2 doing.

3 D. The director may delegate to a local health department, county
4 environmental department or public health services district any functions,
5 powers or duties that the director believes can be competently, efficiently
6 and properly performed by the local health department, county environmental
7 department or public health services district if:

8 1. The director or superintendent of the local health agency,
9 environmental agency or public health services district is willing to accept
10 the delegation and agrees to perform or exercise the functions, powers and
11 duties conferred in accordance with the standards of performance established
12 by the director.

13 2. Monies appropriated or otherwise made available to the department
14 for distribution to or division among counties or public health services
15 districts for local health work may be allocated or reallocated in a manner
16 designed to ~~assure~~ ENSURE the accomplishment of recognized local public
17 health activities and delegated functions, powers and duties in accordance
18 with applicable standards of performance. Whenever in the director's opinion
19 there is cause, the director may terminate all or a part of any delegation
20 and may reallocate all or a part of any funds that may have been conditioned
21 on the further performance of the functions, powers or duties conferred.

22 E. The compensation of all personnel shall be as determined pursuant
23 to section 38-611.

24 F. The director may make and amend rules necessary for the proper
25 administration and enforcement of the laws relating to the public health.

26 G. Notwithstanding subsection H, paragraph 1 of this section, the
27 director may define and prescribe emergency measures for detecting,
28 reporting, preventing and controlling communicable or infectious diseases or
29 conditions if the director has reasonable cause to believe that a serious
30 threat to public health and welfare exists. Emergency measures are effective
31 for no longer than eighteen months.

32 H. The director, by rule, shall:

33 1. Define and prescribe reasonably necessary measures for detecting,
34 reporting, preventing and controlling communicable and preventable diseases.
35 The rules shall declare certain diseases reportable. The rules shall
36 prescribe measures, including isolation or quarantine, THAT ARE reasonably
37 required to prevent the occurrence of, or to seek early detection and
38 alleviation of, disability, insofar as possible, from communicable or
39 preventable diseases. The rules shall include reasonably necessary measures
40 to control animal diseases transmittable to humans.

41 2. Define and prescribe reasonably necessary measures, in addition to
42 those prescribed by law, regarding the preparation, embalming, cremation,
43 interment, disinterment and transportation of dead human bodies and the
44 conduct of funerals, relating to and restricted to communicable diseases and

1 regarding the removal, transportation, cremation, interment or disinterment
2 of any dead human body.

3 3. Define and prescribe reasonably necessary procedures **THAT ARE** not
4 inconsistent with law in regard to the use and accessibility of vital
5 records, delayed birth registration and the completion, change and amendment
6 of vital records.

7 4. Except as relating to the beneficial use of wildlife meat by public
8 institutions and charitable organizations pursuant to title 17, prescribe
9 reasonably necessary measures to ~~assure~~ **ENSURE** that all food or drink,
10 including meat and meat products and milk and milk products sold at the
11 retail level, provided for human consumption is free from unwholesome,
12 poisonous or other foreign substances and filth, insects or disease-causing
13 organisms. The rules shall prescribe reasonably necessary measures governing
14 the production, processing, labeling, storing, handling, serving and
15 transportation of these products. The rules shall prescribe minimum
16 standards for the sanitary facilities and conditions that shall be maintained
17 in any warehouse, restaurant or other premises, except a meat packing plant,
18 slaughterhouse, wholesale meat processing plant, dairy product manufacturing
19 plant or trade product manufacturing plant. The rules shall prescribe
20 minimum standards for any truck or other vehicle in which food or drink is
21 produced, processed, stored, handled, served or transported. The rules shall
22 provide for the inspection and licensing of premises and vehicles so used,
23 and for abatement as public nuisances of any premises or vehicles that do not
24 comply with the rules and minimum standards. The rules shall provide an
25 exemption relating to food or drink that is:

26 (a) Served at a noncommercial social event that takes place at a
27 workplace, such as a potluck.

28 (b) Prepared at a cooking school that is conducted in an
29 owner-occupied home.

30 (c) Not potentially hazardous and prepared in a kitchen of a private
31 home for occasional sale or distribution for noncommercial purposes.

32 (d) Prepared or served at an employee-conducted function that lasts
33 less than four hours and is not regularly scheduled, such as an employee
34 recognition, an employee fund-raising or an employee social event.

35 (e) Offered at a child care facility and limited to commercially
36 prepackaged food that is not potentially hazardous and whole fruits and
37 vegetables that are washed and cut on site for immediate consumption.

38 (f) Offered at locations that sell only commercially prepackaged food
39 or drink that is not potentially hazardous.

40 (g) Baked and confectionary goods that are not potentially hazardous
41 and that are prepared in a kitchen of a private home for commercial purposes
42 if packaged with a label that clearly states the address of the maker,
43 includes contact information for the maker, lists all the ingredients in the
44 product and discloses that the product was prepared in a home. The label
45 must be given to the final consumer of the product. If the product was made

1 in a facility for individuals with developmental disabilities, the label must
2 also disclose that fact. The person preparing the food or supervising the
3 food preparation must obtain a food handler's card or certificate if one is
4 issued by the local county and must register with an online registry
5 established by the department pursuant to paragraph 13 of this subsection.
6 For the purposes of this subdivision, "potentially hazardous" means baked and
7 confectionary goods that meet the requirements of the food code published by
8 the United States food and drug administration, as modified and incorporated
9 by reference by the department by rule.

10 5. Prescribe reasonably necessary measures to ~~assure~~ ENSURE that all
11 meat and meat products for human consumption handled at the retail level are
12 delivered in a manner and from sources approved by the Arizona department of
13 agriculture and are free from unwholesome, poisonous or other foreign
14 substances and filth, insects or disease-causing organisms. The rules shall
15 prescribe standards for sanitary facilities to be used in identity, storage,
16 handling and sale of all meat and meat products sold at the retail level.

17 6. Prescribe reasonably necessary measures regarding production,
18 processing, labeling, handling, serving and transportation of bottled water
19 to ~~assure~~ ENSURE that all bottled drinking water distributed for human
20 consumption is free from unwholesome, poisonous, deleterious or other foreign
21 substances and filth or disease-causing organisms. The rules shall prescribe
22 minimum standards for the sanitary facilities and conditions that shall be
23 maintained at any source of water, bottling plant and truck or vehicle in
24 which bottled water is produced, processed, stored or transported and shall
25 provide for inspection and certification of bottled drinking water sources,
26 plants, processes and transportation and for abatement as a public nuisance
27 of any water supply, label, premises, equipment, process or vehicle that does
28 not comply with the minimum standards. The rules shall prescribe minimum
29 standards for bacteriological, physical and chemical quality for bottled
30 water and for the submission of samples at intervals prescribed in the
31 standards.

32 7. Define and prescribe reasonably necessary measures governing ice
33 production, handling, storing and distribution to ~~assure~~ ENSURE that all ice
34 sold or distributed for human consumption or for the preservation or storage
35 of food for human consumption is free from unwholesome, poisonous,
36 deleterious or other foreign substances and filth or disease-causing
37 organisms. The rules shall prescribe minimum standards for the sanitary
38 facilities and conditions and the quality of ice that shall be maintained at
39 any ice plant, storage and truck or vehicle in which ice is produced, stored,
40 handled or transported and shall provide for inspection and licensing of the
41 premises and vehicles, and for abatement as public nuisances of ice,
42 premises, equipment, processes or vehicles that do not comply with the
43 minimum standards.

44 8. Define and prescribe reasonably necessary measures concerning
45 sewage and excreta disposal, garbage and trash collection, storage and

1 disposal, and water supply for recreational and summer camps, campgrounds,
2 motels, tourist courts, trailer coach parks and hotels. The rules shall
3 prescribe minimum standards for preparation of food in community kitchens,
4 adequacy of excreta disposal, garbage and trash collection, storage and
5 disposal and water supply for recreational and summer camps, campgrounds,
6 motels, tourist courts, trailer coach parks and hotels and shall provide for
7 inspection of these premises and for abatement as public nuisances of any
8 premises or facilities that do not comply with the rules. **PRIMITIVE CAMP AND
9 PICNIC GROUNDS OFFERED BY THIS STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE
10 ARE EXEMPT FROM RULES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH BUT ARE SUBJECT TO
11 APPROVAL BY A COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT UNDER SANITARY REGULATIONS ADOPTED
12 PURSUANT TO SECTION 36-183.02. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH,
13 "PRIMITIVE CAMP AND PICNIC GROUNDS" MEANS CAMP AND PICNIC GROUNDS THAT ARE
14 REMOTE IN NATURE AND WITHOUT ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS
15 WATER, ELECTRICITY AND SEWER.**

16 9. Define and prescribe reasonably necessary measures concerning the
17 sewage and excreta disposal, garbage and trash collection, storage and
18 disposal, water supply and food preparation of all public schools. The rules
19 shall prescribe minimum standards for sanitary conditions that shall be
20 maintained in any public school and shall provide for inspection of these
21 premises and facilities and for abatement as public nuisances of any premises
22 that do not comply with the minimum standards.

23 10. Prescribe reasonably necessary measures to prevent pollution of
24 water used in public or semipublic swimming pools and bathing places and to
25 prevent deleterious health conditions at these places. The rules shall
26 prescribe minimum standards for sanitary conditions that shall be maintained
27 at any public or semipublic swimming pool or bathing place and shall provide
28 for inspection of these premises and for abatement as public nuisances of any
29 premises and facilities that do not comply with the minimum standards. The
30 rules shall be developed in cooperation with the director of the department
31 of environmental quality and shall be consistent with the rules adopted by
32 the director of the department of environmental quality pursuant to
33 section 49-104, subsection B, paragraph 12.

34 11. Prescribe reasonably necessary measures to keep confidential
35 information relating to diagnostic findings and treatment of patients, as
36 well as information relating to contacts, suspects and associates of
37 communicable disease patients. In no event shall confidential information be
38 made available for political or commercial purposes.

39 12. Prescribe reasonably necessary measures regarding human
40 immunodeficiency virus testing as a means to control the transmission of that
41 virus, including the designation of anonymous test sites as dictated by
42 current epidemiologic and scientific evidence.

43 13. Establish an online registry of food preparers that are authorized
44 to prepare food for commercial purposes pursuant to paragraph 4 of this
45 subsection.

1 I. The rules adopted under the authority conferred by this section
2 shall be observed throughout the state and shall be enforced by each local
3 board of health or public health services district, but this section does not
4 limit the right of any local board of health or county board of supervisors
5 to adopt ordinances and rules as authorized by law within its jurisdiction,
6 provided that the ordinances and rules do not conflict with state law and are
7 equal to or more restrictive than the rules of the director.

8 J. The powers and duties prescribed by this section do not apply in
9 instances in which regulatory powers and duties relating to public health are
10 vested by the legislature in any other state board, commission, agency or
11 instrumentality, except that with regard to the regulation of meat and meat
12 products, the department of health services and the Arizona department of
13 agriculture within the area delegated to each shall adopt rules that are not
14 in conflict.

15 K. The director, in establishing fees authorized by this section,
16 shall comply with title 41, chapter 6. The department shall not set a fee at
17 more than the department's cost of providing the service for which the fee is
18 charged. State agencies are exempt from all fees imposed pursuant to this
19 section.

20 L. After consultation with the state superintendent of public
21 instruction, the director shall prescribe the criteria the department shall
22 use in deciding whether or not to notify a local school district that a pupil
23 in the district has tested positive for the human immunodeficiency virus
24 antibody. The director shall prescribe the procedure by which the department
25 shall notify a school district if, pursuant to these criteria, the department
26 determines that notification is warranted in a particular situation. This
27 procedure shall include a requirement that before notification the department
28 shall determine to its satisfaction that the district has an appropriate
29 policy relating to nondiscrimination of the infected pupil and
30 confidentiality of test results and that proper educational counseling has
31 been or will be provided to staff and pupils.

32 M. Until the department adopts exemptions by rule as required by
33 subsection H, paragraph 4, subdivision (f) of this section, food and drink ~~is~~
34 ARE exempt from the rules prescribed in subsection H of this section if
35 offered at locations that sell only commercially prepackaged food or drink
36 that is not potentially hazardous, without a limitation on its display area.