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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-1761, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO MOBILE
FOOD VENDORS.

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

2 Section 1. Section 36-1761, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 36-1761. Mobile food vendors; mobile food units; rules;
5 health and safety licensing standards

6 A. The director shall adopt rules that do all of the following:

7 1. Establish health and safety licensing standards for mobile food
8 vendors and mobile food units that apply on a statewide basis. The
9 licensing standards shall:

10 (a) Include three categories of mobile food units that are based on
11 the type of food dispensed and the amount of handling and preparation
12 required.

13 (b) Include general physical and operation requirements of a mobile
14 food unit, including:

15 (i) Installation of compressors, generators and similar mechanical
16 units that are not an integral part of the food preparation or storage
17 equipment.

18 (ii) Necessary commissary or other servicing area agreements.

19 (iii) Vehicle and equipment cleaning requirements.

20 (iv) Waste disposal requirements during and after operation on
21 public or private property, which may not include the size or dimensions
22 of any required solid waste receptacle.

23 2. Establish statewide inspection standards that are based on
24 objective factors for use by the county health departments.

25 3. Establish a licensing process for mobile food units that does
26 all of the following:

27 (a) Requires a separate license for each mobile food unit.

28 (b) Requires a license to be renewed annually.

29 (c) Delegates to the county health department in the county where
30 the mobile food vendor's commissary is located the licensing and health
31 and safety inspection for state licensure using the statewide inspection
32 standards adopted pursuant to this section. The licensing process shall
33 require random inspections by county health departments at no additional
34 cost except as provided in section 11-269.24. A mobile food unit license
35 issued by a county health department pursuant to this section shall have
36 reciprocity in each county of this state. A county health department may
37 enforce the statewide inspection standards regardless of where the license
38 was issued.

39 (d) Requires all employees of a mobile food vendor to have a valid
40 food handler card or a certificate from an accredited food handler
41 training class as specified in rule by the department.

42 (e) Requires that the license be displayed in the mobile food
43 vendor's operating location in a conspicuous location for public view.

1 B. The rules adopted pursuant to this section may not do either of
2 the following:

3 1. Require a mobile food vendor or mobile food unit to operate a
4 specific distance from the perimeter of an existing commercial
5 establishment or restaurant.

6 2. Address the operating hours of a mobile food unit.

7 C. Except as otherwise specified in this chapter, the director may
8 adopt rules that are substantively the same as the regulations that are in
9 place on August 3, 2018 in Maricopa county regarding mobile food
10 establishments.

11 ~~D. This section does not preclude a city, town or county from~~
12 ~~requiring a mobile food vendor to be licensed if the licensing system~~
13 ~~includes a background check or identification and fingerprinting of the~~
14 ~~owner of the mobile food vending operation.~~