

HB 1043 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

**1043**

AN ACT                    establishing a committee to study regulations applicable to small businesses that sell food.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Aron, Sull. 7; Rep. McGuire, Merr. 29; Rep. Binford, Graf. 15; Rep. Johnson, Belk. 3; Rep. Bordes, Belk. 3; Rep. Love, Rock. 6; Rep. Deshaies, Carr. 6; Sen. Avard, Dist 12

COMMITTEE:          Commerce and Consumer Affairs

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ANALYSIS

          This bill establishes a committee to study regulations applicable to small businesses that sell food.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                                Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~  
                                Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two*

AN ACT                    establishing a committee to study regulations applicable to small businesses that sell food.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study regulations applicable to  
2 small businesses that sell food.

3            2 Membership and Compensation.

4            I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5                    (a) Four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house  
6 of representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the commerce committee, one of whom shall be  
7 a member of the environment and agriculture committee, one of whom shall be a member of the  
8 resources, recreation and development committee, and one of whom shall be a member of the  
9 executive departments and administration committee.

10                   (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

11            II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to  
12 the duties of the committee.

13            3 Duties. The committee shall study:

14                   I. State and local regulations, including food licensing and food safety rules, applicable to  
15 small businesses that sell food.

16                   II. The problems caused by the current food safety rules for small businesses.

17                   III. Whether food safety rules can be simplified and/or modified for small businesses that  
18 sell food.

19                   IV. Identify what future legislative actions, if any, are necessary to address the problems  
20 faced by small businesses that sell food in order to comply with current state and local requirements.

21                   V. Solicit information and testimony from the public, small business owners, and farmers, as  
22 well as representatives of the department of environmental services, the department of health and  
23 human services, and the department of agriculture, markets and food.

24            4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from  
25 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house  
26 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this  
27 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

28            5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
29 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
30 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2022.

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1        6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.