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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to prohibiting certain restaurants and food establishments from serving foods containing artificial trans fat

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2 1352-d to read as follows:

3 S 1352-D. ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT; PROHIBITION. 1. NO FOOD CONTAINING  
4 ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT, AS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION, SHALL BE STORED,  
5 DISTRIBUTED, HELD FOR SERVICE, USED IN PREPARATION OF ANY MENU ITEM,  
6 SERVED OR SOLD IN ANY RESTAURANTS, FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS, MOBILE  
7 FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS, MOBILE FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT COMMIS-  
8 SARIES, RETAIL FOOD STORES AS DEFINED IN SECTION FIVE HUNDRED OF THE  
9 AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW, AND OTHER FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, SUBJECT TO  
10 THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION THIRTEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE OF THIS TITLE,  
11 EXCEPT FOOD THAT IS SERVED OR SOLD DIRECTLY TO PATRONS IN A MANUFACTUR-  
12 ER'S ORIGINAL SEALED PACKAGE THAT BEARS A NUTRITION FACTS LABEL CONSIST-  
13 ENT WITH FEDERAL LAW AND REGULATION.

14 2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A FOOD SHALL BE DEEMED TO CONTAIN  
15 ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT IF THE FOOD IS LABELED AS, LISTS AS AN INGREDIENT,  
16 OR CONTAINS VEGETABLE SHORTENING, MARGARINE OR ANY KIND OF PARTIALLY  
17 HYDROGENATED VEGETABLE OIL. HOWEVER, A FOOD WHOSE NUTRITION FACTS LABEL  
18 OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION FROM THE MANUFACTURER LISTS THE TRANS FAT CONTENT  
19 OF THE FOOD AS LESS THAN 0.5 GRAMS PER SERVING SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO  
20 CONTAIN ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO FOODS  
21 CONTAINING ONLY NATURALLY OCCURRING TRANS FAT.

22 3. THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO PROMULGATE RULES  
23 AND REGULATIONS FOR RECORDKEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION BY RESTAURANTS AND  
24 FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION NECESSARY FOR COMPLIANCE  
25 WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSULT WITH  
26 REPRESENTATIVES OF RESTAURANTS AND FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, ANY COUNTY OR  
27 MUNICIPAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE SIMILAR LAWS OR REGULATIONS AND

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS, PRIOR TO PROMULGATING ANY  
2 SUCH RULES OR REGULATIONS AND, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE, INCOR-  
3 PORATE SIMILAR RULES AND REGULATIONS ALREADY ADOPTED BY SUCH LOCAL  
4 GOVERNMENTS. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES, INCLUDING RECOM-  
5 MENDATIONS FOR HEALTHIER ALTERNATIVES TO ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT, TO ASSIST  
6 RESTAURANTS AND FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS IN COMPLYING WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
7 THIS SECTION. SUCH GUIDELINES SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO RESTAURANTS AND  
8 FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS UPON REQUEST AND SHALL BE PROVIDED ON THE DEPART-  
9 MENT'S INTERNET WEBSITE.

10 4. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION THIRTEEN HUNDRED  
11 FIFTY-THREE OF THIS TITLE, THE PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION  
12 SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE PENALTY SET FORTH IN SECTION TWELVE OF THIS  
13 CHAPTER.

14 5. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL RESTRICT THE POWER OF ANY  
15 COUNTY, CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE TO ADOPT AND ENFORCE ADDITIONAL LOCAL  
16 LAWS, ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS THAT ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN THE STAND-  
17 ARDS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED  
18 PURSUANT THERETO, EXCEPT THAT ANY LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR REGULATION  
19 RESTRICTING ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT ADOPTED BY ANY COUNTY OR CITY, OR  
20 DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY THEREOF, OR TOWN OR VILLAGE PRIOR TO THE DATE THIS  
21 SECTION SHALL HAVE BECOME A LAW SHALL NOT BE PREEMPTED BY THIS SECTION.

22 S 2. This act shall take effect on the five hundred fortieth day after  
23 it shall have become a law and shall apply to oils, shortenings and  
24 margarines containing artificial trans fat that are used for frying or  
25 in spreads on and after such date, and shall apply to oils or short-  
26 enings used for deep frying of yeast dough or cake batter and all other  
27 foods containing artificial trans fat on and after December 31, 2014,  
28 provided, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or  
29 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of  
30 this act on its effective date is authorized to be made and completed on  
31 or before such date.