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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the establishment of a letter grading system to classify inspection results for mobile food service establishments and pushcarts in cities having a population of one million or more

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-f to read as follows:

3 § 1352-f. Mobile food service establishment and pushcart grading
4 system; cities of one million or more. 1. For purposes of this section,
5 the term "commissioner" shall mean the commissioner of health and mental
6 hygiene of a city having a population of one million or more, and the
7 term "department" shall mean the department of health and mental hygiene
8 of a city having a population of one million or more.

9 2. The commissioner shall establish a system for grading inspection
10 results for mobile food service establishments and pushcarts as defined
11 in the state sanitary code.

12 3. Such system shall use and post letters A, B or C to identify and
13 represent such grading and classification with all other lower grades
14 being deemed to be failing grades. The department shall issue a letter
15 grade for a mobile food services establishment or pushcart for that
16 cycle after any hearing or dispute regarding such scoring is resolved.
17 In establishing a system of grading, the commissioner shall take into
18 account the provisions of this title and the provisions of the state
19 sanitary code to establish a grading system that reflects the safety and

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

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1 sanitation of the premises and food handling practices to ensure compli-
2 ance with state and local health laws.

3 4. Each such mobile food service establishment or pushcart shall
4 conspicuously post at the point of sale the letter grade identifying and
5 representing the result of such recently graded inspection of the estab-
6 lishment or pushcart by the department. Such posting shall be done in
7 accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner.
8 The department shall advise each establishment and pushcart of its grade
9 and provide the findings upon which such grade is based. The mobile food
10 service establishment or pushcart must post the letter grade unless the
11 establishment or pushcart has filed an appeal with the commissioner
12 within seven days of receiving the letter grade.

13 5. The department shall conduct a subsequent inspection of such mobile
14 food service establishment or pushcart no sooner than fourteen days, nor
15 later than thirty days after the inspection at which the grade was given
16 if the mobile food service establishment or pushcart received a failing
17 grade. In the interim, the previous letter grade shall remain posted
18 unless an appeal is pending by the mobile food service establishment or
19 pushcart. Upon the conclusion of the subsequent inspection, the depart-
20 ment shall deliver for posting a letter grade to the mobile food service
21 establishment or pushcart which indicates the grade for such inspection,
22 and the department shall provide the findings upon which the grade is
23 based.

24 6. The mobile food service establishment or pushcart may appeal the
25 subsequent assignment of a letter grade designation to the commissioner
26 for review within seven days of such assignment. During the time at
27 which the appeal is pending, the mobile food service establishment or
28 pushcart shall not be required to post the letter grade that is being
29 appealed.

30 7. The suggested interval between regularly schedules inspections of
31 mobile food service establishments and pushcarts may be as follows:

32 (a) For establishments and pushcarts with a grade of "A", at least
33 once every year;

34 (b) For establishments and pushcarts with a grade of "B", at least
35 once every nine months; and

36 (c) For establishments and pushcarts with a grade of "C", at least
37 once every three months.

38 8. A mobile food service establishment or pushcart that requests a
39 reinspection from the department shall pay the department a fee of up to
40 two hundred fifty dollars, provided, however, that the provisions of
41 this subdivision shall not negate the ability of the department to
42 inspect any mobile food service establishment or pushcart on the basis
43 of a complaint from a member of the public.

44 9. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a mobile food
45 service establishment or pushcart which is sponsored by a charitable
46 organization to operate a soup kitchen or other food distribution
47 program for the elderly, veterans, low income individuals and families,
48 or the disabled.

49 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
50 have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately any
51 rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act
52 on its effective date are authorized to be promulgated and completed on
53 or before such date.