



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 77

PRINTER'S NO. 29

PRIME SPONSOR: Venkat

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: HB 77 PN 29 requires the owner of a retail food facility to comply with provisions providing for food allergy awareness. This legislation would take effect in sixty (60) days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Title 3 (Agriculture) Chapter 57 (Food Protection) and inserts language into Section 5705 relating to Food Allergy Awareness. Language stipulates for the Department of Agriculture to require each proprietor of a retail food facility to comply with the following:

- Display a poster in the employee area that provides information for employees on food allergy awareness
- Include on a food menu or through other written means, a notice to a customer of food allergens used and a request for the customer to inform the employee serving the customer about the customer's food allergy

The department shall further require posters to include language which provides a description of major food allergens and symptoms of an allergic reaction, and any other requirements included in the Food Code published by FDA.

FISCAL IMPACT: The enactment of this legislation would have a *de minimis* fiscal impact on commonwealth funds, specifically the General Fund. The cost of retail food facilities is also expected to be *de minimis*, as the requirements for posting information at the facility and to train employees, should be absorbed as part of existing posting and training requirements.

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