

(1) Educate excluded organizations, as defined in § 4-301 of the Health - Environmental Article as amended by this Act, concerning the standards they should meet and ways in which they can most economically meet those standards; and

(2) Inform local health officers and sanitarians of the separate requirements that apply to excluded organizations.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene may not adopt voluntary licensing regulations under § 4-304(a)(2)(ii) until regulations establishing minimum standards under § 4-304(a)(2)(i) have been adopted.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before September 1, 1988, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report to the General Assembly concerning food served by excluded organizations, as defined in § 4-301 of the Health - Environmental Article. The report shall:

(1) List the incidences of foodborne outbreaks reported to the State for the 3 years prior to the report, noting whether the origin of the outbreak was traced to an excluded organization or another food establishment;

(2) State the outcome of the educational program established by this Act, including the estimated success in reaching excluded organizations and the estimated effectiveness of the materials in raising the standards of food service by excluded organizations; and

(3) Provided proposed legislation, if necessary, to expand the State's licensing system for food establishments to include excluded organizations, or to enhance the regulatory system established under this Act.

SECTION -3- 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1988.

Approved May 14, 1987.

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