

CHAPTER 197.

[H. B. 641.]

FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS—WORKER'S HEALTH PERMITS.

AN ACT relating to persons employed or working in food and beverage establishments; providing for workers' permits prescribing powers and duties; and providing penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Food and beverage service workers permit. When necessary—Duration.

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to be employed in the handling of unwrapped or unpackaged food unless he or she shall furnish and place on file with the person in charge of such establishment, a food and beverage service worker's permit, as prescribed by the state board of health. Such permit shall be kept on file by the employer and open for inspection at all reasonable hours by authorized public health officials. Such permit shall be returned to the employee upon termination of employment. Permits shall be valid for two years from date of issuance, and each employee shall furnish the person in charge of said food handling establishments such permit biennially.

Where valid—Cost.

SEC. 2. The permit provided in section 1 shall be valid in every city, town and county in the state, for the period for which it is issued, and no other health certificate shall be required of such employees by any municipal corporation or political subdivision of the state. The cost of the permit shall be uniform throughout the state and shall be in that amount set by the state board of health, not to exceed two dollars.

Certain acts unlawful.

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person afflicted with any contagious or infectious disease to work in or about any place where unwrapped or unpackaged food and/or beverage products are prepared or sold, or offered for sale for human con-

sumption and it shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to employ a person so afflicted.

SEC. 4. This act shall apply only to retail establishments regularly engaged in the business of food handling or food service. Retail establishments covered.

SEC. 5. Individuals under this act shall have thirty days from commencement of employment to secure health permits. Time limitation in procuring permit.

SEC. 6. Any violation of the provisions of this act shall be a misdemeanor. Penalty.

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