

Food Safety Task Force

Department of Inspections, Appeals & Licensing Update

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Iowa Department of
INSPECTIONS & APPEALS

2023 Legislation

HF661 - Farmers Market and Annual Temporary Event Licenses

- ▶ Changes these licenses from countywide to statewide
- ▶ Recent amendments added to the bill include language that
 - ▶ lowers fee level for small food processing plants
 - ▶ Allows Home Food Processing Establishments to prepare “Made to Order” foods.
 - ▶ Restaurant style take out, delivery & catering operations from a home kitchen

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SF315 – Raw Milk

- ▶ Allows the sale of raw milk and raw milk products by raw milk dairies. Limits raw milk dairies to ten animals or less and prohibits pasteurizing or grading the milk. Requires sales be made at the dairy or delivered to a location specified by the buyer. Prohibits resale. Includes requirements for veterinarian testing. Requires retention of health records and requires buyers be allowed to inspect records. Prohibits home food establishments from selling raw milk and raw milk products. Makes definitions. Includes enforcement provisions.

State Government Realignment

State government realignment

- ▶ Moves the Consumable Hemp Program from DIA to HHS – DIAL has been working closely with HHS to transition this program
- ▶ DIA becomes DIAL (Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing)
- ▶ DIAL is welcoming additional state agencies and boards under its umbrella
- ▶ A new Health and Safety Division is being created

Health & Safety Division

The new Division will house:

- Food and Consumer Safety Bureau
- Health Facilities Bureau
- Fire Prevention
- Tattoo, Tanning and Swimming Pool

Steve Garrison will join DIAL as the Health & Safety Division Administrator on April 14. Steve is currently the Bureau Chief of Professional Licensure.

SAFHER

SYSTEM FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD, HEALTH,
E-INSPECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Iowa was selected as a human food Pilot State for SAFHER and has been working with AFDO and the SAFHER vendor to build system requirements.

We expect Iowa will implement SAFHER mid-2024.

More information about SAFHER can be found on The AFDO Website and the AFDO YouTube channel:

https://www.afdo.org/resources_category/safher/

<https://www.youtube.com/user/afdo1896/videos>

GovConnectIowa

GOVCONNECTIOWA WAS DEVELOPED WITH IOWANS IN MIND. THE NEW SYSTEM ALLOWS USERS TO APPLY FOR AND RENEW LICENSES, FILE FOR PERMITS, AND PERFORM VARIOUS OTHER TASKS.

- IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
- IOWA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DIVISION
- IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS
- IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
- IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY
- IOWA LOTTERY AUTHORITY
- IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

DIAL continues to work with the Department of Revenue to enhance this one-stop licensing portal for Iowa businesses.

January 2023 webinar is posted on Iowa Source Link

<https://www.iasourcelink.com/iowa-tax-webinars/>



Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards

- ▶ The Food Bureau recently completed a full self-assessment of our retail program. Julie Kraling has been leading this effort since mid 2022.
- ▶ The results of the self-assessment demonstrate that our program meets all 9 retail food regulatory program standards.
- ▶ While we are still awaiting our verification audit to be completed, we are excited in the possibility that our retail and manufactured food regulatory programs conform to 19 of 19 combined regulatory program standards.



AFDO - State Manufactured Food Student Internship Program

THE GOAL OF THIS PROJECT IS TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF COLLEGE INTERNS/STUDENT WORKERS WHILE CULTIVATING THEIR INTEREST IN FOOD SAFETY REGULATORY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES. INTERNS UNDER THIS PROJECT WILL WORK WITHIN AN AGENCY'S REGULATORY MANUFACTURED FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM AND SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM COMPONENTS.

The Food Bureau was awarded an AFDO Grant to fund two college student interns this summer. Michelle Boyd is leading the bureau's effort to create a valuable internship experience for two student interns.

MFRPS, RRT & Food Protection Task Force Grants

- ▶ Michelle Boyd, Merri Cross and Thao Schlichte have been working tirelessly to complete and submit these grant applications which will provide the essential funds the bureau needs to continue responding to food emergencies, conforming with manufactured food program standards and strengthening our relationships with consumers, academia, industry and state, local, tribal and federal partners.
- ▶ Grant submissions are due this Friday.