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Senate Bill 200 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Sam Singh
Committee: Economic and Community Development

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Food Law to allow a customer's non-service, non-police dog to accompany the customer into the outdoor area of a food establishment under certain circumstances.

MCL 289.1105 et al.

BRIEF RATIONALE

Reportedly, many restaurants allow dogs in outdoor seating areas; however, Michigan law prohibits this. Testimony before the Senate Committee on Economic and Community Development indicates that restaurant owners may not realize they are breaking the law until the local health department notifies them as such. Others may not care. Accordingly, to alleviate confusion, it has been suggested that the State allow restaurants to decide whether to allow dogs in outdoor dining spaces.

Legislative Analyst: Abby Schneider

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no significant fiscal on the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and local governments. There would be some time and effort required to review procedures and provide education on the bill's provisions for MDARD and local health departments.

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