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House Bill 4042 (as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Tyrone Carter
House Committee: Regulatory Reform
Senate Committee: Regulatory Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Food Law to exclude a rental hall that did not have a kitchen or food preparation space and that did not prepare food on the premises from the definition of food service establishment.

MCL 289.1107

BRIEF RATIONALE

Currently, many kinds of event venues require a license to serve food on the premises, even if the venue does not have a kitchen on-site. Some have argued that there is no need to require this license for these kinds of venues. The bill's exclusion of these venues from such licensure would allow for the use of more underutilized spaces.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

(This section does not provide a comprehensive account of previous legislative efforts on this subject matter.)

The bill is a reintroduction of House Bill 5911 from the 2023-2024 Legislative Session.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would amend the definition of food service establishments to exclude rental halls that do not have kitchens, thereby exempting certain establishments from public health licensing fees. The bill could affect revenue that supports the work of local public health departments but not in an amount that can accurately be estimated at this time.

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