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**S. B. No. 203**

**Senator Hicks-Hudson**

**Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, Brenner, Craig, Romanchuk, Sykes**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 3737.834 of the Revised Code to 1  
require state and local fire code officials to 2  
accept an inspection conducted or permit issued 3  
by another jurisdiction as conclusive evidence 4  
of a mobile food service operation's compliance 5  
with the fire code. 6

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 3737.834 of the Revised Code be 7  
enacted to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 3737.834.** (A) As used in this section: 9

(1) "Mobile food service operation" has the same meaning 10  
as in section 3717.01 of the Revised Code. 11

(2) "State fire code" means the code adopted pursuant to 12  
sections 3737.82 and 3737.83 of the Revised Code. 13

(3) "Local fire regulations" means regulations adopted 14  
pursuant to section 505.37 or 737.21 of the Revised Code. 15

(B) A favorable inspection conducted, or permit issued, by 16  
a fire code official having jurisdiction over a mobile food 17

service operation is conclusive evidence as to the mobile food 18  
service operation's compliance with all provisions of the state 19  
fire code and local fire regulations addressed by the inspection 20  
or permit. 21

(C) A favorable inspection or permit remains conclusive 22  
evidence under division (B) of this section for the duration 23  
specified in the inspection report or permit or, if no duration 24  
is specified, for one year following the date of the inspection 25  
or the issuance of the permit. 26

(D) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 27  
3737.14 of the Revised Code, no fire code official having 28  
jurisdiction over a mobile food service operation shall require, 29  
for the duration specified in division (C) of this section, an 30  
additional inspection or permit to demonstrate compliance with 31  
any provision of the state fire code or local fire regulations 32  
with which the mobile food service operation has presented 33  
conclusive proof of compliance in accordance with division (B) 34  
of this section. 35