#### As Introduced

## **136th General Assembly**

# **Regular Session**

H. B. No. 134

2025-2026

### **Representatives Gross, Humphrey**

Cosponsors: Representatives Fischer, Brennan, Denson, Synenberg, Jarrells, McClain, Ferguson, Deeter, Barhorst, Swearingen, Workman, Dean, Mullins, Sims, McNally, Brewer, Klopfenstein

## A BILL

То	amend sections 3715.01, 3715.021, 3715.022,	1
	3715.023, and 3717.22 and to enact section	2
	3715.026 of the Revised Code to authorize the	3
	sale of certain homemade foods under a	4
	microenterprise home kitchen operation	5
	registration.	6

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

Section 1. That sections 3715.01, 3715.021, 3715.022,	7
3715.023, and 3717.22 be amended and section 3715.026 of the	8
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	9
Sec. 3715.01. (A) As used in this chapter:	10
(1) "Person" means an individual, partnership,	11
corporation, or association.	12
(2) "Food" means:	13
(a) Articles used for food or drink for humans or animals;	14
(b) Chewing gum;	15

(c) Articles used for components of any such articles.	16
(3) "Drug" means:	17
(a) Articles recognized in the United States pharmacopoeia	18
and national formulary, or any supplement to them;	19
(b) Articles intended for use in the diagnosis, cure,	20
mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in humans or	21
animals;	22
(c) Articles, other than food, intended to affect the	23
structure or any function of the body of humans or other	24
animals;	25
(d) Articles intended for use as a component of any of the	26
foregoing articles, other than devices or their components,	27
parts, or accessories.	28
(4) "Device," except when used in division (B)(1) of this	29
section and in division (A)(10) of section 3715.52, division (F)	30
of section 3715.60, division (A)(5) of section 3715.64, and	31
division (C) of section 3715.67 of the Revised Code, means any	32
instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, contrivance, implant,	33
in vitro reagent, or other similar or related article, including	34
any component, part, or accessory, that is any of the following:	35
(a) Recognized in the United States pharmacopoeia and	36
national formulary, or any supplement to them;	37
(b) Intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other	38
conditions, or in the cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention	39
of disease in humans or animals;	40
(c) Intended to affect the structure or any function of	41
the body of humans or animals, and that does not achieve any of	42
its principal intended purposes through chemical action within	43

H. B. No. 134 As Introduced	Page 3
or on the body of humans or animals and is not dependent upon	44
being metabolized for the achievement of any of its principal	45
intended purposes.	46
(5) "Cosmetic" means:	47
(a) Articles intended to be rubbed, poured, sprinkled, or	48
sprayed on, introduced into, or otherwise applied to the human	4 9
body or any part thereof for cleansing, beautifying, promoting	50
attractiveness, or altering the appearance;	51
(b) Articles intended for use as a component of any such	52
article, except that "cosmetic" does not include soap.	53
(6) "Label" means a display of written, printed, or	54
graphic matter upon the immediate container, exclusive of	5.5
package liners, of any article.	56
Any word, statement, or other information required by this	57
chapter to appear on the label must appear on the outside	58
container or wrapper, if any, of the retail package of the	5.9
article, or the label must be easily legible through the outside	60
container or wrapper.	61
(7) "Labeling" means all labels and other written,	62
printed, or graphic matter:	63
(a) Upon an article or any of its containers or wrappers;	64
(b) Accompanying such article.	65
(8) "Advertisement" means all representations disseminated	66
in any manner or by any means, other than by labeling, for the	67
purpose of inducing, or that are likely to induce, directly or	68
indirectly, the purchase of food, drugs, devices, or cosmetics.	69

70

(9) "New drug" means:

(a) Any drug the composition of which is such that the	71
drug is not generally recognized among experts qualified by	72
scientific training and experience to evaluate the safety of	73
drugs, as safe for use under the conditions prescribed,	74
recommended, or suggested in the labeling thereof;	75
(b) Any drug the composition of which is such that the	76
drug, as a result of investigation to determine its safety for	77
use under such conditions, has become so recognized, but that	78
has not, other than in an investigation, been used to a material	79
extent or for a material time under such conditions.	80
(10) "Contaminated with filth" applies to any food, drug,	81
device, or cosmetic that has not been protected as far as may be	82
necessary by all reasonable means from dust, dirt, and all	83
foreign or injurious substances.	84
(11) "Honey" means the nectar and saccharine exudation of	85
plants that has been gathered, modified, and stored in a	86
honeycomb by honeybees.	87
(12) "Finished dosage form" means the form of a drug that	88
is, or is intended to be, dispensed or administered to humans or	89
animals and requires no further manufacturing or processing	90
other than packaging, reconstituting, or labeling.	91
(13)(a) "Manufacture" means the planting, cultivating,	92
harvesting, processing, making, preparing, or otherwise engaging	93
in any part of the production of a drug by propagating,	94
compounding, converting, or processing, either directly or	95
indirectly by extracting from substances of natural origin, or	96
independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a	97
combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, and includes	98
the following:	99

(i) Any packaging or repackaging of the drug or labeling	100
or relabeling of its container, the promotion and marketing of	101
the drug, and other activities incident to production;	102
(ii) The preparation and promotion of commercially	103
available products from bulk compounds for resale by pharmacies,	104
licensed health professionals authorized to prescribe drugs, or	105
other persons.	106
(b) "Manufacture" does not include the preparation,	107
compounding, packaging, or labeling of a drug by a pharmacist as	108
an incident to either of the following:	109
(i) Dispensing a drug in the usual course of professional	110
practice;	111
(ii) Providing a licensed health professional authorized	112
to prescribe drugs with a drug for the purpose of administering	113
to patients or for using the drug in treating patients in the	114
professional's office.	115
(14) "Dangerous drug" has the same meaning as in section	116
4729.01 of the Revised Code.	117
(15) "Generically equivalent drug" means a drug that	118
contains identical amounts of the identical active ingredients,	119
but not necessarily containing the same inactive ingredients,	120
that meets the identical compendial or other applicable standard	121
of identity, strength, quality, and purity, including potency,	122
and where applicable, content uniformity, disintegration times,	123
or dissolution rates, as the prescribed brand name drug and the	124
manufacturer or distributor holds, if applicable, either an	125
approved new drug application or an approved abbreviated new	126
drug application unless other approval by law or from the	127
federal food and drug administration is required.	128

No drug shall be considered a generically equivalent drug	129
for the purposes of this chapter if it has been listed by the	130
federal food and drug administration as having proven	131
bioequivalence problems.	132
(16) "Licensed health professional authorized to prescribe	133
drugs" and "prescriber" have the same meanings as in section	134
4729.01 of the Revised Code.	135
(17) "Home" means the primary residence occupied by the	136
residence's owner, on the condition that the residence contains	137
only one stove or oven used for cooking, which may be a double	138
oven, designed for common residence usage and not for commercial	139
usage, and that the stove or oven be operated in an ordinary	140
kitchen within the residence.	141
(18) "Potentially hazardous food" means a food that is	142
natural or synthetic, to which any of the following apply:	143
(a) It has a pH level greater than 4.6 when measured at	144
seventy-five degrees fahrenheit or twenty-four degrees celsius.	145
(b) It has a water activity value greater than 0.85.	146
(c) It requires temperature control because it is in a	147
form capable of supporting the rapid and progressive growth of	148
infectious or toxigenic microorganisms, the growth and toxin	149
production of clostridium botulinium, or in the case of raw	150
shell eggs, the growth of salmonella enteritidis.	151
(19) "Cottage food production operation" means a person	152
who, in the person's home, produces food items that are not	153
potentially hazardous foods, including bakery products, jams,	154
jellies, candy, fruit butter, and similar products specified in	155
rules adopted pursuant to section 3715.025 of the Revised Code.	156

(20) "Biological product" means, except as provided in	157
section 3715.011 of the Revised Code, a drug that is a	158
biological product, as defined on the effective date of this	159
amendment March 21, 2017, in subsection (i) of section 351 of	160
the "Public Health Service Act," 42 U.S.C. 262(i).	161
(21) "Interchangeable biological product" means, except as	162
provided in section 3715.011 of the Revised Code, both of the	163
following:	164
(a) A biological product that, on the effective date of	165
this amendment March 21, 2017, has been determined by the United	166
States food and drug administration to meet the standards for	167
interchangeability set forth in subsection (k) of section 351 of	168
the "Public Health Service Act," 42 U.S.C. 262(k), as amended,	169
and has been licensed under that subsection;	170
(b) A biological product that, prior to the effective date	171
of this amendment March 21, 2017, was determined by the United	172
States food and drug administration to be therapeutically	173
equivalent as set forth in its publication titled "Approved Drug	174
Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations."	175
(22) "Microenterprise home kitchen operation" means a	176
person who registers with the department of agriculture to sell	177
and deliver food that is produced at the person's home in	178
accordance with section 3715.026 of the Revised Code.	179
(B) For the purposes of sections 3715.52 to 3715.72 of the	180
Revised Code:	181
(1) If an article is alleged to be misbranded because the	182
labeling is misleading, or if an advertisement is alleged to be	183
false because it is misleading, then in determining whether the	184
labeling or advertisement is misleading, there shall be taken	185

into account, among other things, not only representations made	186
or suggested by statement, word, design, device, sound, or in	187
any combination thereof, but also the extent to which the	188
labeling or advertisement fails to reveal facts material in the	189
light of such representations or material with respect to	190
consequence which may result from the use of the article to	191
which the labeling or advertisement relates under the conditions	192
of use prescribed in the labeling or advertisement thereof or	193
under such conditions of use as are customary or usual.	194

195

196

197

198

199

200

201

202

203

- (2) The provisions regarding the selling of food, drugs, devices, or cosmetics include the manufacture, production, processing, packing, exposure, offer, possession, and holding of any such article for sale; and the sale, dispensing, and giving of any such article, and the supplying or applying of any such articles in the conduct of any food, drug, or cosmetic establishment. The provisions do not prohibit a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs from administering or personally furnishing a drug or device to a patient.
- (3) The representation of a drug, in its labeling or

  advertisement, as an antiseptic is a representation that it is a

  205
  germicide, except in the case of a drug purporting to be, or

  206
  represented as, an antiseptic for inhibitory use as a wet

  207
  dressing, ointment, dusting powder, or other use that involves

  208
  prolonged contact with the body.
- (4) Whenever jurisdiction is vested in the director of

  agriculture or the state board of pharmacy, the jurisdiction of

  the board shall be limited to the sale, offering for sale,

  giving away, delivery, or dispensing in any manner of drugs at

  the wholesale and retail levels or to the consumer and shall be

  exclusive in the case of such sale, offering for sale, giving

  210

away, delivery, or dispensing in any manner of drugs at the
wholesale and retail levels or to the consumer in any place 217
where prescriptions are dispensed or compounded.
(5) To assist in effectuating the provisions of those 219
sections, the director of agriculture or state board of pharmacy 220
may request assistance or data from any government or private 221
agency or individual.
<b>Sec. 3715.021.</b> (A) As used in this section, "food 223
processing establishment" means a premises or part of a premises 224
where food is processed, packaged, manufactured, or otherwise 225
held or handled for distribution to another location or for sale 226
at wholesale. "Food processing establishment" includes the
activities of a bakery, confectionery, cannery, bottler, 228
warehouse, or distributor, and the activities of an entity that 229
receives or salvages distressed food for sale or use as food. A 230
"food processing establishment" does not include a cottage food 231
production operation; <u>a microenterprise home kitchen operation;</u> 232
a processor of tree syrup who boils sap when a minimum of 233
seventy-five per cent of the sap used to produce the syrup is
collected directly from trees by that processor; a processor of 235
sorghum who processes sorghum juice when a minimum of seventy-
five per cent of the sorghum juice used to produce the sorghum 237
is extracted directly from sorghum plants by that processor; a 238
beekeeper who jars honey when a minimum of seventy-five per cent 239
of the honey is from that beekeeper's own hives; or a processor 240
of apple syrup or apple butter who directly harvests from trees 241
a minimum of seventy-five per cent of the apples used to produce 242
the apple syrup or apple butter. 243

(B) The director of agriculture shall adopt rules in

accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish,

244

245

when otherwise not established by the Revised Code, standards	246
and good manufacturing practices for food processing	247
establishments, including the facilities of food processing	248
establishments and their sanitation. The rules shall conform	249
with or be equivalent to the standards for foods established by	250
the United States food and drug administration in Title 21 of	251
the Code of Federal Regulations.	252
A business or that portion of a business that is regulated	253
by the department of agriculture under Chapter 917. or 918. of	254
the Revised Code is not subject to regulation under this section	255
as a food processing establishment.	256
Sec. 3715.022. (A) All food products, including those	257
produced and packaged by a cottage food production operation or	258
microenterprise home kitchen operation, and all packaged maple	259
syrup, sorghum, and honey, are subject to food sampling	260
conducted by the director of agriculture, or a representative	261
the director authorizes, to determine if a food product is	262
misbranded or adulterated. A component of the food sampling	263
conducted under this section may include the performance of	264
sample analyses in accordance with section 3715.02 of the	265
Revised Code.	266
The director of agriculture shall adopt rules as the	267
director considers necessary to establish standards for food	268
sampling and procedures for administration of this section. The	269
rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the	270
Revised Code.	271
(B) Labeling requirements do not apply to fruit butter	272
produced at a festival or celebration, if the festival or	273
celebration is organized by a political subdivision of this	274

275

state and the fruit butter is sold during the festival or

celebration from the production site.	276
Sec. 3715.023. (A) A cottage food production operation, a	277
microenterprise home kitchen operation, and a maple syrup or	278
sorghum processor and beekeeper described in division (A) of	279
section 3715.021 of the Revised Code shall label each of their	280
food products and include the following information on the label	281
of each of their food products:	282
(1) The name and address of the business of the cottage	283
food production operation, microenterprise home kitchen	284
<pre>operation, processor, or beekeeper;</pre>	285
(2) The name of the food product;	286
(3) The ingredients of the food product, in descending	287
order of predominance by weight;	288
(4) The net weight and volume of the food product;	289
(5) In the case of a cottage food production operation or	290
microenterprise home kitchen operation, the following statement	291
in ten-point type: "This product is home produced."	292
(B) Food Except as provided in section 3715.026 of the	293
Revised Code, food products identified and labeled in accordance	294
with division (A) of this section are acceptable food products	295
that a retail food establishment or food service operation	296
licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code may offer for	297
sale or use in preparing and serving food.	298
Sec. 3715.026. (A) As used in this section:	299
(1) "Homemade food item" means any food made at the home	300
of a microenterprise home kitchen operation. "Homemade food	301
item" does not include alcoholic beverages or food containing	302
any drug.	303

(2) "Home kitchen" means the home kitchen in which the	304
microenterprise home kitchen operation does or will prepare all	305
homemade food items for sale to a consumer.	306
(B)(1) The director of agriculture shall issue an	307
microenterprise home kitchen operation registration to a	308
microenterprise home kitchen operation when application is made	309
by an operation in accordance with procedures established by the	310
director of agriculture. Such registration shall be valid from	311
the date it is issued through the last day of January of the	312
following year; however registrations issued between the first	313
day of January through the thirtieth day of January of a year	314
expire on the thirty-first day of January of that year. An	315
application for registration shall be accompanied by a	316
registration fee of twenty-five dollars. However, if a person	317
submits an application for registration within six months of the	318
expiration date of the registration, the fee shall be one-half	319
of the registration fee.	320
(2) The department shall renew a microenterprise home	321
kitchen operation registration if the operation is in compliance	322
with this section, submits a renewal application in accordance	323
with procedures established by the director of agriculture, and	324
pays a twenty-five-dollar renewal fee. A renewed registration	325
shall be valid from the first day of February through the last	326
day of January of the following year.	327
(C)(1) The director or the director's designee shall	328
inspect the premises of every microenterprise home kitchen	329
operation not more than once per year, unless it is	330
investigating a report of foodborne illness, has reasonable	331
suspicion of an immediate threat to public health, or is re-	332
inspecting a microenterprise home kitchen operation that had a	333

violation detected in a prior inspection. Inspections shall be	334
limited to the home kitchen in the home.	335
(2) The director or the director's designee shall obtain	336
an administrative warrant prior to conducting any inspection	337
under this section.	338
(3) The director may charge a fee to a microenterprise	339
home kitchen operation to cover the administrative costs of	340
conducting inspections that shall not exceed seventy-five	341
dollars annually.	342
(4) The department shall publish its inspection standards	343
on its web site and shall ensure that each operation receives a	344
copy of the inspection standards and criteria it uses to conduct	345
inspections when submitting an application for registration with	346
the department.	347
(D) A microenterprise home kitchen operation shall do all	348
of the following:	349
(1) Allow the department to conduct home kitchen	350
inspections in accordance with division (C) of this section;	351
(2) Produce all homemade food items in the inspected	352
kitchen;	353
(3) Label the homemade food items in accordance with	354
section 3715.023 of the Revised Code;	355
(4) Operate the home kitchen and promises in which the	356
(4) Operate the home kitchen and premises in which the	
home kitchen is located in accordance with the requirements	357
described in division (E) of this section;	358
(5) Store and prepare food in accordance with the	359
requirements described in division (F) of this section:	360

(6) Sell and deliver homemade food items in accordance	361
with the requirements in division (G) of this section.	362
(E) A microenterprise home kitchen operation shall not	363
operate unless all of the following requirements are met:	364
(1) The home kitchen shall be equipped with at least one	365
accessible hand washing sink plumbed with hot and cold potable	366
water and supplied with hand soap.	367
(2) The home kitchen shall have surfaces that are easy to	368
clean and sanitized with a sanitizer that is safe to use on food	369
preparation surfaces.	370
(3) The home kitchen shall be free from pests.	371
(4) Garbage and refuse shall be kept in closed containers	372
and removed from the premises regularly.	373
(5) The home kitchen shall have mechanical refrigeration	374
with sufficient capacity to maintain the temperature of	375
potentially hazardous food at forty-one degrees Fahrenheit or	376
below.	377
(6) All equipment, utensils, and containers used in the	378
preparation of food in the home kitchen shall be washed with	379
soap and water or sanitizer for cleaning food contact surfaces	380
and kept clean.	381
(7) Animals, including pets, shall not enter the home	382
kitchen while food is being prepared.	383
(F) A microenterprise home kitchen operation shall comply	384
with all of the following food storage and preparation	385
<pre>requirements:</pre>	386
(1) Food shall be in sound condition free from spoilage	387

filth, or other contamination, and shall be safe for human	388
consumption. Food products shall not be stored on the floor, and	389
food shall only be prepared in the home kitchen.	390
(2) Prepared potentially hazardous food shall be	391
maintained at forty-one degrees Fahrenheit or below under	392
mechanical refrigeration.	393
(3) Prepared potentially hazardous food shall be cooled to	394
forty-one degrees Fahrenheit or below within four hours of	395
preparation.	396
(4) Food ingredients shall be stored in original	397
containers. If removed from the original container, food and	398
ingredients shall be stored in labeled and closed containers of	399
a material that will prevent the food from becoming adulterated.	400
(5) Any person preparing food in the home kitchen shall do	401
all the following:	402
(a) Be free from contagious or communicable diseases,	403
sores, or infected wounds, and keep their hair restrained;	404
(b) Keep themselves and their clothing clean;	405
(c) Ensure that their hands are washed as frequently as	406
necessary to maintain good sanitation and not cross-contaminate	407
food;	408
(d) Minimize bare hand contact with prepared food;	409
(e) Not smoke while handling or preparing food or in food	410
preparation or storage areas while preparing food.	411
(G) A microenterprise home kitchen operation shall comply	412
with all of the following sale and delivery requirements:	413
(1) A homemade food item that does not contain dairy or	414

meat may be sold by the microenterprise home kitchen operation	415
to the consumer in person or remotely, including by telephone or	416
internet, or by an agent of the microenterprise home kitchen	417
operation or a third-party vendor, such as a retail shop or	418
grocery store, and may be delivered by the microenterprise home	419
kitchen operation or third-party carrier, such as the United	420
States postal service.	421
(2) Homemade food items that contain dairy or meat shall	422
be sold by the microenterprise home kitchen operation to the	423
consumer, either in person or remotely, including by telephone	424
or internet, or by an agent of the microenterprise home kitchen	425
operation or a third-party vendor, but shall be delivered by the	426
microenterprise home kitchen operation to the consumer in	427
person.	428
(3) If a potentially hazardous food item is transported	429
before final delivery to the consumer, the food shall be	430
maintained at an appropriate temperature during transport, shall	431
not be transported more than once, and shall not be transported	432
for longer than two hours.	433
(H) The director or the director's designee may issue a	434
fine not to exceed seventy-five dollars to a microenterprise	435
home kitchen operation that is found to be in violation of any	436
of the requirements of this section. The director or the	437
director's designee shall first issue a warning and give the	438
microenterprise home kitchen operation the opportunity to	439
correct a violation before issuing a fine.	440
(I)(1) The director or the director's designee may issue	441
an order suspending or revoking a microenterprise home kitchen	442
operation registration for a violation of this section. Except	443
as provided in division (I)(2) of this section, a registration	444

shall not be suspended or revoked until the registration holder	445
is provided a warning, has had an opportunity to correct the	446
violation, and has had an opportunity to appeal the suspension	447
or revocation in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised	448
Code.	449
(2) If the director or the director's designee determines	450
that a microenterprise home kitchen operation presents an	451
immediate danger to the public health, the director may issue an	452
order immediately suspending the operation's registration	453
without affording the registration holder a warning or an	454
opportunity for a hearing. The director then shall afford the	455
registration holder an opportunity for a hearing for	456
registration reinstatement in accordance with Chapter 119. of	457
the Revised Code not later than ten days after the date of	458
suspension.	459
(J) This section does not prohibit a person from operating	460
as an exempt cottage food operation if the person only sells and	461
delivers food permitted under this chapter for a cottage food	462
operation.	463
(K) This section does not prohibit a local government from	464
enforcing a generally applicable zoning law.	465
Sec. 3717.22. (A) The following are not retail food	466
establishments:	467
(1) A food service operation licensed under this chapter,	468
including a food service operation that provides the services of	469
a retail food establishment pursuant to an endorsement issued	470
under section 3717.44 of the Revised Code;	471
(2) An entity exempt under divisions (B)(1) to (9), (11)	472
to (13), or (15) of section 3717.42 of the Revised Code from the	473

requirement to be licensed as a food service operation and an	474
entity exempt under division (B)(10) of that section if the	475
entity is regulated by the department of agriculture as a food	476
processing establishment under section 3715.021 of the Revised	477
Code;	478
(3) A business or that portion of a business that is	479
regulated by the federal government or the department of	480
agriculture as a food manufacturing or food processing business,	481
including a business or that portion of a business regulated by	482
the department of agriculture under Chapter 911., 913., 915.,	483
917., 918., or 925. of the Revised Code.	484
(B) All of the following are exempt from the requirement	485
to be licensed as a retail food establishment:	486
(1) An establishment with commercially prepackaged foods	487
that are not potentially hazardous and contained in displays,	488
the total space of which equals less than two hundred cubic	489
feet;	490
(2) A person at a farmers market that offers for sale only	491
one or more of the following:	492
(a) Fresh unprocessed fruits or vegetables;	493
(b) Products of a cottage food production operation or	494
microenterprise home kitchen operation;	495
(c) Tree syrup, sorghum, honey, apple syrup, or apple	496
butter that is produced by a tree syrup or sorghum producer,	497
beekeeper, or apple syrup or apple butter processor described in	498
division (A) of section 3715.021 of the Revised Code;	499
(d) Wine as authorized under section 4303.2010 of the	500
Revised Code;	501

(e) Commercially prepackaged food that is not potentially	502
hazardous, on the condition that the food is contained in	503
displays, the total space of which equals less than one hundred	504
cubic feet on the premises where the person conducts business at	505
the farmers market.	506
(3) A person who offers for sale at a roadside stand only	507
fresh fruits and fresh vegetables that are unprocessed;	508
(4) A nonprofit organization exempt from federal income	509
taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the "Internal Revenue Code	510
of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 1, as amended, that raises	511
funds by selling foods and that, if required to be licensed,	512
would be classified as risk level one in accordance with rules	513
establishing licensing categories for retail food establishments	514
adopted under section 3717.33 of the Revised Code, if the sales	515
occur inside a building and are for not more than seven	516
consecutive days or more than fifty-two separate days during a	517
licensing period. This exemption extends to any individual or	518
group raising all of its funds during the time periods specified	519
in division (B)(4) of this section for the benefit of the	520
nonprofit organization by selling foods under the same	521
conditions.	522
(5) An establishment that offers food contained in	523
displays of less than five hundred square feet, and if required	524
to be licensed would be classified as risk level one pursuant to	525
rules establishing licensing categories for retail food	526
establishments adopted under section 3717.33 of the Revised	527
Code, on the condition that the establishment offers the food	528
for sale at retail not more than six months in each calendar	529
year;	530

(6) A cottage food production operation, on the condition

531

that the operation offers its products directly to the consumer	532
from the site where the products are produced;	533
(7) A tree syrup and sorghum processor, beekeeper, or	534
apple syrup and apple butter processor described in division (A)	535
of section 3715.021 of the Revised Code, on the condition that	536
the processor or beekeeper offers only tree syrup, sorghum,	537
honey, apple syrup, or apple butter directly to the consumer	538
from the site where those products are processed;	539
(8) A person who annually maintains five hundred or fewer	540
birds, on the condition that the person offers the eggs from	541
those birds directly to the consumer from the location where the	542
eggs are produced or at a farm product auction to which division	543
(B) (11) of this section applies;	544
(9) A person who annually raises and slaughters one	545
thousand or fewer chickens, on the condition that the person	546
offers dressed chickens directly to the consumer from the	547
location where the chickens are raised and slaughtered or at a	548
farm product auction to which division (B)(11) of this section	549
applies;	550
(10) A person who raises, slaughters, and processes the	551
meat of nonamenable species described in divisions (A) and (B)	552
of section 918.12 of the Revised Code, on the condition that the	553
person offers the meat directly to the consumer from the	554
location where the meat is processed or at a farm product	555
auction to which division (B)(11) of this section applies;	556
(11) A farm product auction, on the condition that it is	557
registered with the director pursuant to section 3717.221 of the	558
Revised Code that offers for sale at the farm product auction	559
only one or more of the following:	560

(a) The products described in divisions (B)(8) to (10) of	561
this section that are produced, raised, slaughtered, or	562
processed, as appropriate, by persons described in divisions (B)	563
(8) to (10) of this section;	564
(b) Fresh unprocessed fruits or vegetables;	565
(c) Products of a cottage food production operation or	566
microenterprise home kitchen operation;	567
(d) Tree syrup, sorghum, honey, apple syrup, or apple	568
butter that is produced by a tree syrup or sorghum producer,	569
beekeeper, or apple syrup or apple butter processor described in	570
division (A) of section 3715.021 of the Revised Code.	571
(12) An establishment that, with respect to offering food	572
for sale, offers only alcoholic beverages or prepackaged	573
beverages that are not potentially hazardous;	574
(13) An establishment that, with respect to offering food	575
for sale, offers only alcoholic beverages, prepackaged beverages	576
that are not potentially hazardous, or commercially prepackaged	577
food that is not potentially hazardous, on the condition that	578
the commercially prepackaged food is contained in displays, the	579
total space of which equals less than two hundred cubic feet on	580
the premises of the establishment;	581
(14) An establishment that, with respect to offering food	582
for sale, offers only fountain beverages that are not	583
potentially hazardous;	584
(15) A person who offers for sale only one or more of the	585
following foods at a festival or celebration, on the condition	586
that the festival or celebration is organized by a political	587
subdivision of the state and lasts for a period not longer than	588
seven consecutive days:	589

(a) Fresh unprocessed fruits or vegetables;	590
(b) Products of a cottage food production operation or	591
microenterprise home kitchen operation;	592
(c) Tree syrup, sorghum, honey, apple syrup, or apple	593
butter if produced by a tree syrup or sorghum processor,	594
beekeeper, or apple syrup or apple butter processor as described	595
in division (A) of section 3715.021 of the Revised Code;	596
(d) Commercially prepackaged food that is not potentially	597
hazardous, on the condition that the food is contained in	598
displays, the total space of which equals less than one hundred	599
cubic feet;	600
(e) Fruit butter produced at the festival or celebration	601
and sold from the production site.	602
(16) A farm market on the condition that it is registered	603
with the director pursuant to section 3717.221 of the Revised	604
Code that offers for sale at the farm market only one or more of	605
the following:	606
(a) Fresh unprocessed fruits or vegetables;	607
(b) Products of a cottage food production operation or	608
<pre>microenterprise home kitchen operation;</pre>	609
(c) Tree syrup, sorghum, honey, apple syrup, or apple	610
butter that is produced by a tree syrup or sorghum producer,	611
beekeeper, or apple syrup or apple butter processor described in	612
division (A) of section 3715.021 of the Revised Code;	613
(d) Commercially prepackaged food that is not potentially	614
hazardous, on the condition that the food is contained in	615
displays, the total space of which equals less than one hundred	616
cubic feet on the premises where the person conducts business at	617

the farm market;	618
(e) Cider and other juices manufactured on site at the	619
<pre>farm market;</pre>	620
(f) The products or items described in divisions (B)(8) to	621
(10) of this section, on the condition that those products or	622
items were produced by the person offering to sell them, and	623
further conditioned that, with respect to eggs offered, the	624
person offering to sell them annually maintains five hundred or	625
fewer birds, and with respect to dressed chickens offered, the	626
person annually raises and slaughters one thousand or fewer	627
chickens.	628
(17)(a) An establishment to which all of the following	629
apply:	630
(i) The establishment has been issued an A-2 permit under	631
section 4303.03 of the Revised Code or an A-2f permit under	632
section 4303.031 of the Revised Code, annually produces ten	633
thousand gallons or less of wine, and sells that wine in	634
accordance with Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code on the	635
premises of the establishment.	636
(ii) The establishment serves unopened commercially	637
prepackaged food, other than wine.	638
(iii) The amount of the establishment's commercially	639
prepackaged food sales, other than wine sales, for the previous	640
calendar year did not exceed five per cent of the	641
establishment's total gross receipts.	642
(b) The owner or operator of the establishment shall	643
notify the director that it is exempt from licensure because it	644
qualifies under division (B)(17)(a) of this section. The owner	645
or operator also shall display a notice in a place conspicuous	646

H. B. No. 134 As Introduced	Page 24
to all of its quests informing them that the establishment is	647
to all of its guests informing them that the establishment is	047
not required to be licensed as a retail food establishment.	648
(18) A microenterprise home kitchen operation that sells	649
and delivers food in accordance with section 3715.026 of the	650
Revised Code.	651
Section 2. That existing sections 3715.01, 3715.021,	652
3715.022, 3715.023, and 3717.22 of the Revised Code are hereby	653
repealed.	654