

House File 838 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act requiring a food establishment to post a routine
- 2 inspection report card.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 137F.11A, Code 2025, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **137F.11A ~~Posting of Routine inspection reports~~ report.**

4 An A food establishment inspected under this chapter shall
5 post the most recent routine inspection report, along with any
6 current complaint or reinspection reports, in a location at the
7 food establishment that is readily visible to the public. The
8 department may require that the food establishment serving food
9 to the public for on-premises consumption post the most recent
10 routine inspection report near its corresponding report card as
11 required in section 137F.11B.

12 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **137F.11B Routine inspection report**
13 **card.**

14 1. After completing a routine inspection report of a food
15 establishment serving food to the public for on-premises
16 consumption as provided in section 137F.11A, a regulatory
17 authority shall complete a routine inspection report card. The
18 routine inspection report card must be on a form prepared and
19 printed by the department. The form must explain the criteria
20 for assigning a letter grade and its corresponding rating.

21 2. a. In completing a routine inspection report card, the
22 regulatory authority shall assign an inspected food establishment
23 a letter as follows:

24 (1) "A" as the highest letter grade, indicating a rating of
25 ninety percent or better but not higher than one hundred percent.

26 (2) "B" as the next highest letter grade, indicating a rating
27 of eighty percent or better but less than ninety percent.

28 (3) "C" as the lowest letter grade indicating a rating of
29 seventy-five percent or better but not less than seventy-five
30 percent.

31 b. The food establishment may request that the corresponding
32 numerical rating be included with the letter grade.

33 3. The license issued to a food establishment under this
34 chapter shall be suspended as provided in section 137F.7 if a
35 food establishment is assigned a rating of less than seventy-five

1 percent.

2 4. The food establishment shall post the most recent
3 routine inspection report card near each entrance to the food
4 establishment regularly used by its customers or in another
5 conspicuous place selected by the regulatory authority conducting
6 the inspection.

7 5. Upon a reinspection report issued under section 137F.11A,
8 the regulatory authority shall complete a new routine inspection
9 report card which shall be posted as provided in subsection 4.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 BACKGROUND. Generally, the department of inspections, appeals,
14 and licensing (DIAL), or a local authority under contract with
15 DIAL, provides for the licensing and inspection of a number
16 of businesses where food is processed or prepared for human
17 consumption (Code chapter 137F). DIAL and a local authority are
18 referred to as a regulatory authority (Code section 137F.1).
19 After a food establishment is inspected, it must post an
20 inspection report at a location visible to the public. The food
21 establishment is subject to reinspection.

22 BILL'S PROVISIONS. This bill provides that after conducting a
23 routine inspection of a food establishment that serves food to
24 the public for on-premises consumption (e.g., a restaurant), a
25 regulatory authority must complete a routine inspection report
26 card (report card). A completed report card assigns the
27 inspected food establishment a letter grade based on a percentage
28 rating, including "A" (90 percent to 100 percent), "B" (80
29 percent to 89 percent) and "C" (75 percent to 79 percent).
30 The food establishment's license must be suspended if a food
31 establishment is assigned a rating of less than 75 percent. The
32 food establishment is required to post the most recent report
33 card near each entrance to the food establishment or another
34 conspicuous place selected by the regulatory authority.